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PREVENTING

SWINE '09

by Allison O'Connor '10
News Staff

STUDENT HEALTH

The fall and winter flu season is rapidly approaching, and the extent and severity of potential H1N1 (swine flu) or seasonal flu outbreaks remains uncertain. So far, there have been several outbreaks of H1N1 at colleges such as Emory College, Ga., and University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kan. The effects may not be as catastrophic as the mass media has projected, due to recommendations provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Providence College has also enacted certain precautionary measures to prevent an outbreak on campus.

"The CDC has some guidelines for higher education institutions posted on their Web site. We are in compliance with all their recommendations," said Koren Kanadanian, director of emergency management.

Currently, a campus-wide initiative is in place to implement flu and H1N1 prevention. So far, the Safety and Emergency Response Committee (SERC) has created a Web page, www.providence.edu/h1n1, to inform students, faculty, and parents about the virus, the College's policy, and any relative data.

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TAKING ACTION: Health Center provides hand sanitizer.

VACCINATION: 478 PC students receive flu shot.

Construction Leaves Veritas Without Office

by Valerie Ferdon '12
Asst. News Editor

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

When Maureen Kroening '10, the Editor-in-Chief of *Veritas*, the Providence College yearbook, arrived back at school on Saturday, Sept. 5, she planned on immediately beginning work on the publication, as her timeline for the year includes very strict deadlines. She was informed by Chris Fortunato, dean of students, last year that the *Veritas* office would be torn down in the Slavin construction process, and she assumed there would be a new space designated by the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

Now three weeks into the semester, Kroening still has no functioning office in which to work on the yearbook.

"I was warned in a meeting with

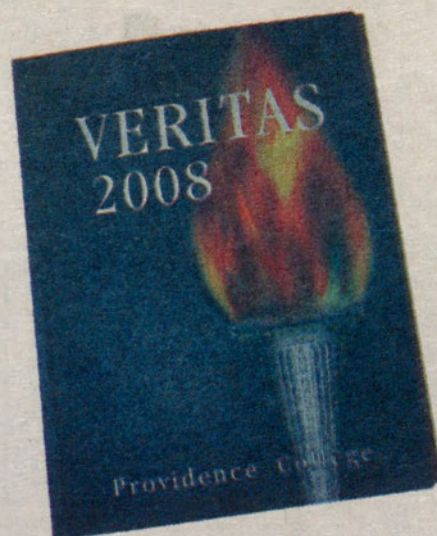
Chris Fortunato last April that I would lose the entire office, but I was not really told anything about future plans or about where I would be when I got back to school," said Kroening.

Since her first day back, Kroening has made attempts to attain information about the status of her workspace. She explains that she contacted Sharon Hay, dean of Student Affairs, several times, and "she refused to meet." Kroening said neither she nor her advisor, Maureen Quinlan, associate dean of Student Conduct, was contacted once during the summer about the status of the office.

She finally had a meeting with Fortunato on Friday, Sept. 18, during which he informed her that *Veritas* would occupy Lower Slavin G03.

The office will not, however, be

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Water Damage Displaces Guzman Residents

by Sara Beth Labanara '11
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

Recently, several residents of Guzman Hall have had to temporarily move out of their third-floor rooms due to a constant water leak. Third floor resident assistant Max Widmer '12 said that it hasn't been a fun situation to deal with, but the Guzman residents have started to find humor in the situation.

"We've started to kind of joke about it as a floor...we're the only dorm on campus with a pool," said Widmer.

He believes that the leak originated due to the rainy weather that hit New England during the summer months because there were no leaks last year.

"As an RA on the third floor, and having lived as a freshman in Guzman last year, it's clear that the leak

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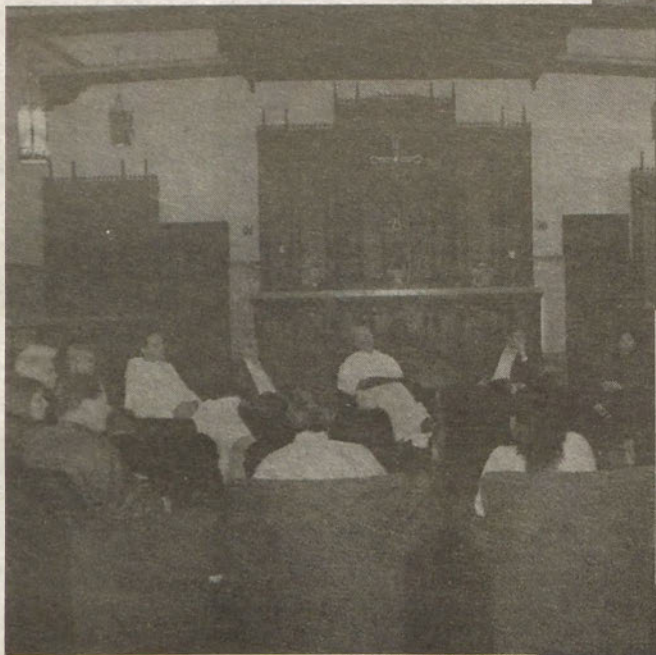


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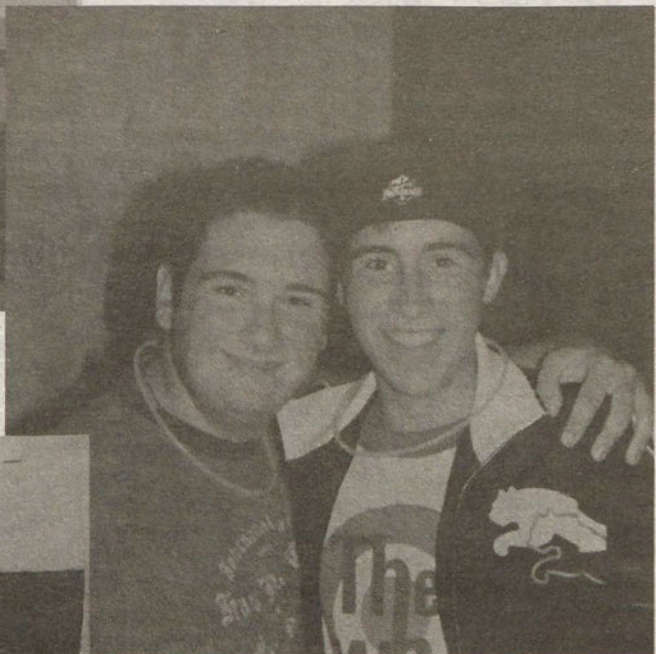
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TOP: “Conversation with Teacher of the Year Charles R. Toth,” Sept. 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

LEFT: “A Conversation with the President: The Role of the Mission in Faculty Hiring with Father Shanley,” Sept. 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.



STEVE MENDOLSOHN '11 / THE COWL



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RIGHT: “Bromance” at the Freshman Dance, Sept. 18, 2009



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PC Student Advocacy Organization

by Devin Murphy '10
News Editor

NEW CLUB

Students who are documented for violating the student handbook are required to undergo a judicial hearing where it will be decided if they will be punished, and if so how. Jon Dooley '11 has started a new student group at Providence College to help students through the judicial process. PC Student Advocacy Organization is designed to help students understand their rights if they are ever to get into trouble on campus.

The Student Handbook states that, "disciplinary procedures are fundamentally fair to students and are notably different from those used in a civil or criminal proceeding."

However, Dooley has not always found the judicial process to be fair.

Dooley decided to start the group after undergoing a judicial hearing and dealing with the Office of Student Conduct last year.

"The interaction, to me anyway, was met with an unprecedented lack of professionalism and compassion," said Dooley.

His goal is to prevent any other student on campus from having the same experience he did. He said that some students may be afraid to ask for help when they have been documented for whatever reason and are required to appear at a judicial hearing.

"We're all part of a PC family and we should watch out for each other," said Dooley.

He maintains that his goal is to help students first and foremost.

According to the Student Handbook, "The College may initiate a complaint, serve as complainant, and initiate

disciplinary proceedings against a student at any time, even in the absence of a formal complaint by an alleged victim of misconduct." After a student has had disciplinary proceedings initiated against him or her, he or she will receive a notice in his or her Friar Box. The student will also receive an e-mail saying that a notice was delivered to his or her Friar Box. The student is held responsible for checking his or her own Friar Box.

The Student Handbook goes on to say that all disciplinary hearings are internal functions of the College. However, the College does reserve the right to "initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student regardless of pending civil or criminal action involving the same or a different set of factual circumstances. College disciplinary action may proceed before, simultaneously with, or after external investigative or judicial action, and the College is not bound or impeded by any action taken by external authorities."

Students are entitled to an advocate employed by the College at their judicial hearings, to access to their reports and write-ups, and to appeal the decision.

Dooley is currently looking for a moderator for the group as well as members. He has already approached one professor who has expressed interest in serving as moderator. He also thinks that other professors on campus will want to get involved with the group in order to help their students. The members of PC Student Advocacy Organization will explain to students their rights under the Student Handbook. Dooley said though that no members of the club will advise students incorrectly.

"If anyone in the club can't give correct information they won't be giving out incorrect information," said Dooley.

If a problem were to arise in which a member of PC Student Advocacy Organization could not answer a question definitively or accurately, he or she would procure the correct answer through other channels before administering advice, or direct the student to the appropriate people to talk to about the situation.

PC Student Advocacy Organization will also be able to provide students with free legal advice. Dooley held a legal internship over the summer and is currently interning at the Public

Defender's Office and will use his legal connections to get any questions answered from a legal perspective. He will also encourage students to reach out to professors with whom they are close to help advise them during the judicial process. If a student is not close with any one professor then Dooley will find a professor he is close with to help if the student so desires.

The advisor that the student chooses will also be able to accompany him or her to the judicial hearing.

Last year Kevin Butler, dean of the Office of Student Conduct, was part of a presentation to Student Congress which was dedicated to discussing the possibility of allowing students to have an advocate with them at judicial hearings. At the presentation it was said that the students' advocates would not be permitted to talk during the hearing.

Dooley agrees with the idea that the advocate should not be permitted to talk during the hearing. However, he does not think that the administration should have control over students' ability to pick an advocate. He said that it would "compromise" the idea of having someone there strictly on behalf of the student.

"My loyalty is first and foremost to students," said Dooley.

Dooley has found the College administration's response towards the group to be less enthusiastic than he would have hoped for. After a meeting with Chris Fortunato, vice president for Student Affairs, and Butler, Dooley felt frustrated.

"The handbook was written in a way to give the school the greatest amount of power...They're in complete control and they want it that way," said Dooley.

According to Dooley, Fortunato was concerned that the logo PC Student Advocacy Organization is currently using is too similar to the College's logo. Fortunato does not want the group to infringe upon copyright law. He is also concerned

that the club's name will create the misapprehension that the group is affiliated with the College.

Dooley feels that the administration is not recognizing that the purpose of the group is to help the student body.

"If I was presenting something crazy it would be different," he said.

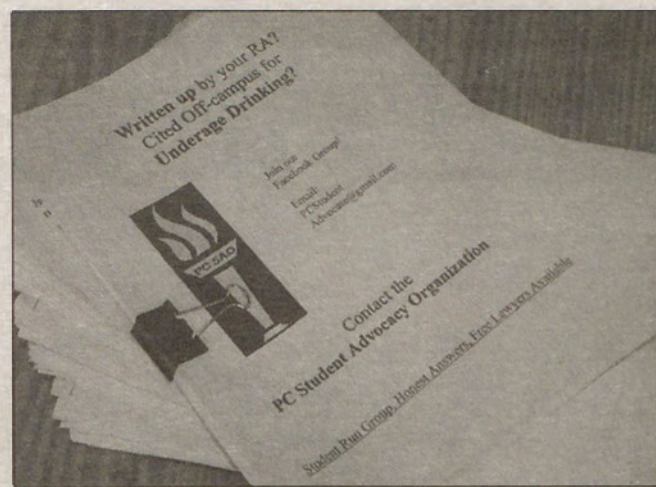
PC Student Advocacy is not recognized as an official club by Student Congress and therefore cannot use "PC" in its name. However, Dooley has met with Class of 2011 president, Patricia Carroll to begin the process of legitimizing the club. At the end of this semester Dooley will be able to submit the group as a proposed club to Student Congress. If PC Student Advocacy Organization after three semesters proves to be an active club which hosts events, has regular meetings, shows a fair attendance at regular meetings, and submits its minutes to Student Congress for review, it will receive official club status.

Until PC Student Advocacy Organization receives official status it will not be able to reserve space to hold meetings, and it will not be allowed to post signs or flyers.

"This is part of the bureaucratic process that I am willing to deal with," said Dooley. "I'll do whatever the College expects me to do to gain official status."

PC Student Advocacy Organization will not be hosting any meetings as of yet. However, if students are interested in getting involved with the group they can join its facebook group, which currently has 125 members.

**Any student seeking immediate help can e-mail
PCStudentAdvocate@gmail.com**



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PC Student Advocacy Organization is not holding meetings currently, but Jon Dooley '11 said that he will still help any student in need.

Alumni Relations Reaches Out to Current Students

by Ted DeNicola '11
News Staff

STUDENT CONGRESS

The fourth meeting of the 60th Student Congress was held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fishbowl.

Jamie Scambio, president of the Class of 2010, started off the meeting with an update about her class' proposed legislation from last year. She told Congress that the Class of 2010 met with Chris Fortunato, vice president for Student Affairs, about

their proposed legislation that was passed last year for the Student Life Advisory Board.

"This board will comprise Student Congress members and members of the general student body," said Scambio.

The Academic Committee said that the proposed Class Average Report has been shut down. However, the Academic Grievance Policy has been passed.

Excitement stirred during the meeting when it was revealed that an order will be put in for more of the bigger glasses in Ray.

Much of the meeting was occupied by guest speaker Andrea Ricci '03,

Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations. She spoke on the improvement of the alumni association.

"When I graduated, I knew there was an alumni association but did not know who they were or what their clubs did," said Ricci. "I want to increase awareness of who we are and what we do in Martin Hall...to change the mentality that once a student comes to PC they are already alumni in training from the second they walk onto campus."

We recently implemented class agents. "They are to act as liaisons between members of your class after

graduation. If someone gets married or gets a job they send out a blurb about it," said Ricci.

Ricci said, "How alumni networking works means a thousand things. There are so many ways you can do it. We call our alumni base an alumni network. Alumni take part in an online directory. They are given the opportunity to join FriarLink in the Office of Career Services. They want to share their experiences with PC students. Once you graduate we hold open networking events throughout the year. You come in, mingle, meet, and greet."

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exclusively for the yearbook staff. As of now, Kroening believes she will be sharing the space with Colleges Against Cancer, Amnesty International, and potentially two to three more clubs. There are only three workstations in the room. Kroening is guaranteed one.

"As long as I am not being disturbed and I am not disturbing anyone, things will go okay," said Kroening. "We will just have to work around schedules."

In the process of construction, all of the yearbook office supplies and computers were put into storage in Slavin G19. According to Kroening, she has yet to locate their small Mac hard drive which was moved to G19.

"Our computer is missing," she said. "We had three, only two of which were functioning. The little Mac hard drive has files on it that we need. When I went down to the storage space, everything was in shambles. There were huge piles of stuff, nothing was really labeled, so I am worried."

Much of *Veritas* is done using the Internet, therefore allowing work to be done from private laptops. However, Kroening needs to access old yearbooks to get files off of the computers.

"I am trying to stay on top of things, doing the layout and as much as I can do from my own room without having any other yearbooks to look at or materials that are in storage," said Kroening.

This two-week process has greatly impacted the beginning stages of yearbook planning.

"We had a meeting last week [to design the cover of the 2010 yearbook] and we had to have it out in the open new space in Slavin," said Kroening. "It was myself, another editor on staff, my advisor, the representative from our publishing company, and the cover artist, and we were making a lot of noise. It was a big discussion with a large group of people. We were clearly distracting everyone around us but we had nowhere else to go," said Kroening.

Kroening needs the space in order to meet with her 15 to 20 staff members at a time.

Since last week she has gained electronic access to the communal office and she will have a meeting there on Thursday, Sept. 24.

"Chris Fortunato said he wanted everything to get done as soon as possible," said Kroening. "He is



BILLY NAWROCKI '12 / THE COWL

Veritas has moved to Slavin G03 after construction displaced the club at the end of last year. The club will now have to share its new office with several other clubs and organizations on campus including Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), Amnesty International, and possibly three additional clubs.

really my advocate because he told me to contact him with everything I need and he will try to assist me in the best way he can...he said to e-mail Sharon Hay to get access to the office and to let her know who else would need access, which at this point is just me."

The delays and missing equipment may affect production for the Class of 2010. PC has deadlines with the publishing company which publishes *Veritas* in November, February, and August. Various aspects of the publication have to be submitted to the company over that span of time, such as the cover and page count.

While Kroening is confident in her staff's ability to work through those deadlines despite the delay early in the process, missed deadlines could result in an increase of fees and bills and a delay in production.

"When I met with Dean Fortunato he did say that things got pushed back as a result of minor problems in the construction process, as is common in any project," she said. "I understand, but at the same time, this is a vital part of our school."

Freshman Class Profile

by Meghan Conway '12
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

Despite the current state of the country's economy and the many private universities that are struggling financially, Providence College's freshman class is up to par with the rest of the College's student body.

Comprised of 960 students, the Class of 2013 has 30 students less than the Class of 2012. The percentage of non-caucasian students is one percentage point higher than the Class of 2012. There is a five percent increase in the number of students from New England than in the previous class. This is partially because the economy has led many students to attend schools closer to home, resulting in a small decrease in students from the Midwest.

The SAT scores of the newly enrolled students are equivalent to those of the other three classes.

"In number, gender, academics, ethnicity, geography, and SATs the class of 2013 only varies slightly from the rest of the student body," said Christopher Lydon, dean of Admission and vice president of Enrollment Planning.

"The biggest difference in the freshman class is their mood, the things that are most important to them," said Lydon.

With the recession hitting hard during the fall of their senior year of high school, the Class of 2013 had a lot to consider when applying to college.

"Everything this year's freshmen have heard since last fall is about how the economy would impact where they went to school," said Lydon. "The difference with them is in psychology. They had to seriously evaluate cost and value when deciding what a Providence College education meant to them."

There is no doubt that the Class of 2013 considered the bottom line cost more than previous classes when making their college decisions, but in spite of this, they still look very similar to the rest of the student body.

"Although the economy has impacted the class, they are not in any way less talented than the other three classes," said Lydon.

More families made decisions based on cost this year resulting in a large acceptance of students off the wait list.

"We expect to use the wait list here at PC every year," said Lydon. "Due to this year's poor economy, we had to use the wait list a lot more in order to reach our number."

"We have a deep applicant pool at Providence College, so students offered admission from the wait list are just as qualified as all other applicants," said Lydon.

Their qualifications are obvious in the Class of 2013 academic overview. With 23 valedictorians and 14 salutatorians, the class of 2013's

average unweighted GPA is 3.40 on a 4.0 scale. Four hundred thirty-five students were members of the National Honors Society, 214 participated in student government, 723 participated in community service.

Fifteen percent of the freshman class was admitted off of the wait list.

"We don't want our wait list students to be wearing scarlet letters on this campus," said Lydon. "They are as competent as anyone here. It is great to accommodate those students who have PC as their first choice school. A lot of the time the wait listed students are the ones who thrive the most since they are the ones who wanted to be here the most."

The Class of 2013 did have a higher percentage of financial aid applicants than previous classes, but not a dramatic amount. PC did everything they could for all these students, in addition to being careful in providing freshmen with the best financial aid packages possible. This did not, however, impact the financial aid of the other classes.

"The financial aid counseling staff heard a number of hard stories," said Lydon. "Stories about families who had the ability to pay and then lost it, families where both parents lost their jobs, and families who were struggling to pay their mortgages and put food on the table."

During their college search, many high school seniors were dealing with serious financial and family problems, making the process extremely difficult.

"The financial aid counseling staff did a fabulous job at being there for these students and their families," said Lydon. "This staff deserves so much credit for the care with which they listened."

"As far as the economy impacting the rest of the student body, there was a slight drop in retention, but nothing significant," said Lydon. "The retention change will not effect the PC student body and the College will support all its students."

Class of 2013 Stats

number who were **235** captains of a sports team

435 number of students who were in National Honor Society

average unweighted high school GPA **3.40**

960 total students enrolled in the class

number who were valedictorians of their graduating class **23**



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Freshman Class Letters of Intent

Please note: The Cowl has not edited any of the letters of intent below for spelling or grammatical errors. They have only been edited for space. They appear as the candidates wrote them.

President

A student of the class of 2013 does not need a statement of intent. He/she needs a promise to the student body. As President of the class of 2013, I promise to be the voice heard over others that not only speaks effectively, but speaks the minds of our class. Time and again I am sure that all of you have seen the text book student leader, who is nothing more than a puppet for administration and his/her selected social group. As President I will commit to the needs of all students and make long strides in regards to policy, public service, campus & off campus safety, school sponsored events and much more.

—Justin Gomes

I would formally like to state my intent to run for the position of Freshman Class President. I desire to have a role in how this school is run so as to assure that everyone here has a wonderful experience this year. Student Congress will also provide me other ways to learn more about Providence College. I see this as a perfect opportunity to meet my classmates and to make some great new friends.

—Chris Pedrita

I want to run for the freshman class president for many reasons. It is important to me that my class, being the new and youngest group here, has a strong voice in student congress. I know that if I am elected I will utilize my people, communication, and leadership skills in order to solidify my class in congress.

—Rebecca Boswell

I am running for freshman class president because I believe that as president I will be able to make a difference at Providence College. I want everyone in my class involved in student activities and planning. I want every member of the class of 2013 to have a voice and a choice in what happens to their class.

—Jasiel Correia II

It is my intention to serve the Freshman class in this office by not only participating in general congress meetings and voting sessions, but also by serving on both the Academic Committee as well as the "Planning and Steering" Committee. As Class Representative, I will make your voice heard in discussions and votes which have a direct impact on your day to day life.

—Arman Oganisian

My name is Marcela Fernandez and I would like the opportunity to be nominated as president of the class of 2013. I am confident that I will be able to represent and relate to as

many segments of the class of 2013 as possible; from studious science majors and determined athletes, to my new friends with Hispanic, Asian and African American backgrounds and the many students I look forward to befriend. As president I would like to speak on behalf of our class and embody all of our personalities and interests.

—Marcela Fernandez

Vice President

As a student at Providence College it is your duty and right to have your opinion and voice be heard by the student body; and moreover, the administration and faculty. As Vice President I will work relentlessly with the rest of the committee to voice your concerns; but more importantly, let these issues be carried out with the greatest amount of success and authority.

—Tobin Sotil

As Vice-President, I would work in conjunction with the President and my fellow class officials to represent the school body, and my class in particular. The Vice-President in many places is supposed to "perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence." But as I understand it, the Vice-President is there to also give good advice. I believe as Vice-President, I would be able to do all the things mentioned above.

—Chris Tansey

My name is Sean Carney and I am writing this letter to declare my candidacy for the vice presidential position for the class of 2013. I will push for my goals, such as creating more twenty-four hour unisex space on campus. I look forward to working closely to my president and fellow representatives to make PC a better place for classes to com

—Sean M. Carney

Running for Vice President means having a voice for my class. Organizing events, community service, and stepping in for the President are just some of the duties I expect to perform. I want to represent the Class of 2013 and voice their opinions. And I want to run for Vice President to accomplish my goals and act as a leader.

—Cayla McKernan

Secretary

I, Vincent Golemme, am running for Secretary of the Class of 2013. promise to work my absolute hardest and to do my best serving as my class's secretary, accepting any task or challenge thrown at me seeing it all the way through. If I served on the executive board of my class, I would ensure my time spent to make all my classmates have the best possible time during their four years at Providence College.

—Vincent Golemme

I wish to run for the Secretary of the Class of 2013. I will fulfill my duty with commitment, leadership, and success.

I will be committed to my class and always do things in their best interest. I know how to be a leader and work together with others to make things happen and make our class successful. I hope that I will be elected as Class Secretary. I am eager and excited to get my fellow classmates participating and organizing fun class activities.

—Kaitlin Falls

Treasurer

I'm interested in running for treasurer for the class of 2013, because I am a responsible student who is willing to put in the time and effort to get us off to a great financial start. As the class treasurer I would make a huge difference not only for my class, but also for the entire PC community.

—Christine Lusardi

Representative

I have always been a leader among my peers in sports, school, and service. I don't seek leadership positions to have power over someone, but rather to help and serve the people who need it the most. I came to PC to learn how to serve and become a strong individual in my ever-changing society. I believe student congress is a key factor to this transformation.

—Michael Kennedy

My desire to be a class officer and part of Student Congress can be traced back to many different reasons. The first is that I want to get involved in my school and make positive changes and have a positive impact on my community. I believe that Student Congress is a great activity to be involved with because it will allow me to be more involved in the community and make my college experience even better.

—Matthew Connolly

The responsibility of being a class rep seems to me to be the best way to contribute to PC. All of the current members of student Congress whom I've talked to have not only been happy to be part of it but grateful that they are able to make a difference in the school they love. I hope I am able to contribute to this tradition as a representative of my class. I'm hoping that as a class rep I will be able to both contribute to my class and meet some amazing people along the way.

—Thomas Hiler

I hope to be apart of the class of 2013s officers because I love having my ideas heard as well as listening to others and compromising. I feel that I have a lot to offer to my class and being apart of the decision making would help me start in my potential career of politics. Being a class rep. would allow me to practice my skills in politics as well as provide my class with insight from a true political mind.

—Peter Racine Jr.

If elected, I plan on listening to the student body requests and suggestions so your voice can be heard as well. Your vote would be greatly appreciated and I will assure you I will listen to your suggestions and fulfill them to my best potential. Thank you for your time.

—Vince Itz

I will try my hardest to make sure that my fellow classmates will enjoy their year. I will listen to them and make sure that they are heard at every Student Congress meeting. I promise that I will guarantee that the Class of 2013 will have a fun and enjoyable Freshman Year.

—Dan Hogan

I intend to bring character, determination and utility to the congress. With a position on the congress I will uphold all that is useful to represent my class. I truly believe that I am a unique and determined individual who will bring much to the council. I hope that I will be able to become a member and fulfill the task of being a representative in Student Congress. Thank you.

—Peter J. Proulx

The reason I want to run for Freshman Class Representative of Student Congress is to get involved with the school, and I feel that representing and helping my class is a great way to do it. I hope to work with others and represent my class, and get involved at PC all at the same time.

—John (Jake) Spignesi

**Freshman
Elections will be
held on Monday,
Sept. 28, and
Tuesday,
Sept. 29.**

**Voting will take
place on ANGEL.**

**Look for results in
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GUZMAN: Repairs to be Completed Within a Month

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developed over the summer due to all the rain that hit the East Coast," said Widmer.

Casey Criss '13 has been directly affected by the leak. He noticed his room in Guzman 3D had water damage

we were told that they would be fixed," said Criss. "But the severity of the leaks just increased more and more."

Criss said that he and his roommates noticed the leaks on three separate occasions. But luckily, the worst of the damage occurred the night when they were moving out of their room.

"The light fixture was leaking in multiple locations as well as the ceiling," said Criss.

He described the leak as "constant and annoying." And it ruined one of his textbooks, which he will have to replace himself.

The Office of Residence Life arranged for the boys of Guzman 3D to move down the hall where they will not be affected by the leaky roof. However, Criss says that they were still inconvenienced by the move.

"The next morning we got moved into 3B, so we had to move out all our stuff early on a Saturday morning," said Criss. "It was a huge hassle to move into a new room again, and were told by our hall director that we would be moving back into our old room in four weeks."

However, Criss feels that it will be an even larger inconvenience to move back to his original room once the roof is fixed.

"We believe we should be able to stay in our new, bigger room now considering it's a pain to keep moving in and out when we are just trying to get settled," said Criss.

Alex Vlahos '13 is another student who was affected by the Guzman water leak. He first found out his room

"STILL, IT'S HARD NOT TO FEEL A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATED THAT WE HAVE THIS ISSUE ON THE FLOOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK ACROSS CAMPUS AND CATCH A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WAS JUST BUILT OVER AT SLAVIN. IT DEFINITELY MAKES YOU WONDER."

was flooding in the early morning of Saturday, Sept. 12.

"I was down the hall watching a movie with a bunch of my friends and my roommate texted me at about 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning saying that our room was starting to flood," said Vlahos.

Vlahos said initially he was worried about a potential fire due to plugged in electronics in his room.

"Our initial reaction was to figure out how to keep our stuff dry and unplug all electronics so there wouldn't be a fire," said Vlahos.

Vlahos and his roommates went to Guzman Hall Director Adam Jurczyk for assistance.

"It was convenient since he lives in the room next to us," said Vlahos.

Vlahos temporarily moved into a forced quad with his friends down the hall for a week. However, he was told that his move would have to be permanent due to the severity of the damage.

"I was told on Monday or Tuesday that the damage wouldn't be repaired

for quite some time so I ended up permanently moving into another room this past Friday," said Vlahos.

While Vlahos was inconvenienced by the occurrences, he applauds the steps taken by the Office of Residence Life to alleviate the situation.

"I think the Office of Residence

Life handled the ordeal pretty well; obviously it's not something that they have to deal with very often," said Vlahos. "They were able to help me out and get me into a new room in less than a week, but it wasn't an ideal way to end the first week of the school year."

Widmer also feels the administration is doing a commendable job handling the situation.

"Hurley workers and the PC physical plant have been working relentlessly, even late at night, to make sure the water doesn't affect or danger residents," said Widmer.

Still however, Widmer expressed some frustration that the residents of Guzman have had to deal with the problem.

"Still, it's hard not to feel a little bit frustrated that we have this issue on the floor, especially when you look across campus and catch a glimpse of what was just built over at Slavin," said Widmer. "It definitely makes you wonder."



DAN NIETO '11 / THE COWL

Construction trucks were brought in last week to fix the leaks in Guzman Hall.

as a result of the leaky roof during freshman orientation.

"The leaks were going on the first day we showed up for orientation and

FLU: Resident Hall Rooms Set Aside for Isolation

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According to Kanadian, information is received by PC daily from the CDC and the Rhode Island Department of Health to ensure it is as up to date on preventative measures, statistics, and analysis as possible.

"This Web site is keeping everybody up to date with all guidelines from the CDC and the Department of Health," said Catherine Kelleher, R.N., director of Health Services.

Kelleher conducted seven different workshops in addition to a parent overview at freshman orientation, in which she informed students of flu-like symptoms, demonstrated the proper method of hand-washing and hand-sanitizing, and advocated health tips such as coughing into one's sleeve rather than hand and disposing of one's own tissues. All of which play major roles in minimizing the spread of germs.

Thermometers and small bottles of Purell were distributed to all students at orientation and move-in days.

"Don't throw them away, go refill them," said Kelleher. "We are purchasing the big gallon jugs and are going to have them at residence halls on campus so students can refill them."

Purell Hand Sanitizer dispensers have been situated in public areas around campus, specifically in the dining halls, and routine cleaning schedules have been revised through Hurley of America to clean high-touch surfaces more frequently,

As another preventative measure, Kelleher encouraged students to attend the flu clinic held by the Health Center on Sept. 16, 2009, which was "definitely more popular this year."

"Typically we would have about 120 students at that clinic," said Kelleher. "Yet this year there were 317 students who registered online, and a total of 478 received the vaccine."

"This was a very successful clinic, much larger than previous years. I am sure the media has had an influence on why students were more ready to protect by vaccination against the flu. I suspect parents also encouraged their children too," said Katie Gates of the Department of Health Education and Wellness.

Due to its success, the Student Health Center will be holding another shot clinic for seasonal flu in the coming weeks.

The College wishes to make students aware that the seasonal flu shot is not effective at preventing H1N1. A separate vaccination is being developed by the CDC.

"Once it becomes available, they will designate where the vaccination sites will be," said Kelleher, also noting that PC has offered to host the vaccine on campus. When the vaccine becomes available, "we will suggest students speak to their primary care physician and parents to find out if the vaccine is right for them," said Kanadian.

If a flu outbreak were to occur here at PC, Kanadian emphasized that "there are several plans in place

[and] depending on the outbreak scenario these plans are discussed and updated as we get daily information from CDC and Rhode Island Department of Health." He said that the College "would monitor the outbreak and take measures to contain it."

"I BELIEVE WE ARE AT LEAST AS PREPARED IF NOT MORE PREPARED THAN OTHER AREA COLLEGES."

If students develop flu-like symptoms, they are encouraged to first telephone the student health center rather than physically go in for an appointment. This is intended to prevent other students from contracting the illness as well as to prevent the ill student from getting any secondary complications.

The H1N1 flu differs from the seasonal flu in that it involves a temperature of 100 degrees or higher in combination with a sore throat or cough, or both.

"Students who have a fever of 100 or greater with a cough and/or sore throat should call the Student Health Center at extension x2422 before going to the SHC," said Kanadian. "The staff will ask a series of questions and advise students on their best course of action. This will help prevent the spread on campus."

Students with such flu-like symptoms will be asked to self-isolate and stay in their rooms. Those who are

able to go home during the period of their illness will be advised to do so. If not, however, it is recommended that the student stay as far away from other roommates as possible. Masks will be distributed to those who are ill. The only time students are to wear the masks is if they leave

their rooms, and the only time they are to leave their rooms is to go to the bathroom. Some rooms will also be provided for ill students to move into until they are well.

"If we need isolation there is a plan in place and rooms set aside for this purpose," said Kanadian.

In regards to classes, faculty members have been instructed to alter attendance policies accordingly, although students will be responsible for missed assignments.

In order to further educate the College on flu prevention strategies and techniques, there will be poster drives held to remind people of proper hand-washing techniques and cough etiquette, as well as workshops for students and informative e-mails. Students are advised to get plenty of sleep, keep stress and anxiety levels low, maintain a healthy diet, and to avoid sharing drinks and food.

"I believe we are at least as prepared if not more prepared than other area colleges," Kanadian emphasized.



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Heated Protests Continue in Unstable Iran June 12 Election Outcome Still Unsettled

by Kevin Cassidy '11
World Staff

IRAN

The outbreaks in Iran continued this week with thousands of protestors taking to the streets to march. Three main protesting groups each had their leaders by their sides carrying banners through the heart of many Iranian cities.

The three leaders are Mir Hussein Moussavi, Mehdi Karroubi, and Mohammad Khatami who haven't been seen in public for weeks. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had hoped the country would remain united for the next two weeks until he meets with Western leaders to discuss Iran's nuclear program. This is a big blow for the country since several Western leaders already have doubts about Iran.

The annual rally took place on Jerusalem Day, known as Quds Day, to hold a fiery anti-Israel speech. The speech that was given by Ahmadinejad, called the Holocaust a "lie" and had harsh criticism for the West after disputing the June 12 presidential election.

Some Iranian government men chanted "Death to Israel" through loud speakers, while the crowd



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Mohammad Khatami, center, a former Iranian president was attacked at the Quds Day rally in Iran on Sept. 18, 2009.

chanted "Death to Russia." The protestors are angry that Russia has already accepted the results of the presidential election. No deaths or injuries were reported, but some militia members tried to attack the leaders of the protesting parties,

only to be pushed back by the supporters. The government issued warning statements on Thursday declaring that protestors would be considered Israeli spies and should not march on Jerusalem Day. The government had limited control over the protestors, compared to their firm stance in June and July. They fired tear gas into the crowd, but were unable to stop the protesting.

In July, the government violently cracked down on the protests, killing some members and sending others to jail. While in jail, the protestors were abused and allegedly raped. The government has confirmed that some protestors were assaulted, but says the claims of rape are "foolish and inappropriate."

The government wants to show national unity, yet are torturing the citizens their country is built on.

Mr. Ahmadinejad arrived in the capital city of Tehran to be greeted by angry citizens chanting "Resign! Resign!" as he delivered the opening remarks of his speech at Tehran University before the formal Friday prayer ceremony.

Mr. Ahmadinejad has called the Holocaust a "myth," but never referred to it as a "lie." White House staff member Robert Gibbs told reporters, "We've heard that type of rhetoric before, obviously we condemn what he said."

Citizens did march to celebrate Jerusalem Day typically outnumbered the number of protestors. Jerusalem Day is held the last Friday of the fasting month of Ramadan.

The day is important for the government because they use it support Palestinian militants and the Lebanese Hezbollah to burnish its street support in an Arab world that is unfriendly to Iran. The marchers celebrating chanted 'the blood in our veins is a gift to our leader,' only to hear protestors chanting, "The blood in our veins is a gift of our nation."

Last week President Obama revised the missile defense system which would have the ability to check Iran's missile and military ambitions. The U.S. president made clear that the June 12 election was fraudulent since tremendous

violence and opposition has continued throughout the country.

Next week the United Nations is meeting in New York City; with both Obama and Ahmadinejad expected to be in attendance. They don't have plans to meet together, but tensions will be elevated especially after the revision of the missile-shield plan.

On Sunday, the Iranian leader blasted Obama's missile defense plan yet again. He said their nuclear ambitions are only for energy purposes and "purely a fabrication by the United States."

Obama did say that he is working hard to overhaul the Bush administration missile defense system that would "ready faster, work with existing technology and provide better missile defense than the former program."

President Obama is working with new and updated intelligence assessments that confirm Iran is on the offensive. They have the ability to hit Europe with both short and medium range missiles. A Pentagon official said that there will be hundreds of missile interceptors located across Europe.

The Bush administration called for ten missile interceptors to be placed in Poland with a radar site in the Czech Republic. The new system will also have mobile radar devices that could be located in space to help intercept missile if they need to.

The Bush administration spared no efforts against the Muslim world as well as Iran. The Obama administration has issued friendly words, but their current actions show the same mindset of anti-Islamic and anti-Iranian policy of the past.

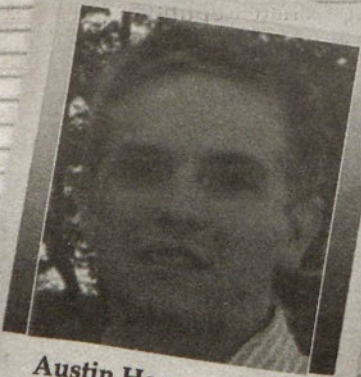
The Middle-Eastern world is a battleground for violence, protests, and instability. Iran might be pushing for national unity and peace, but they are far from the ideals of the Western world.

The world community will have a front row seat next week at the United Nation conference especially after the aftermath of the June 12 election, ongoing protests on Iranian streets, and updated American missile defense plan.

Ask PC

Do you think the protests in Iran are appropriate?

"Absolutely because President Obama is looking for the Iranian people to settle the June 12 election within their country, but we must keep in mind Iran is a developing country. Even the United States saw protest and rebellion in its earliest stages."



Austin Hagaman '11

"Yes, the Iranian people have the right to voice their concerns and if they protest peacefully then the government should not be abusing, killing, or supposedly raping their citizens."



Mary Cullen '10

Obama Cancels Bush's Missile Defense Plan

by Victoria Ngare '12
World Staff

RUSSIA

On Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, the Obama administration made the decision to cancel a missile defense system proposed by the Bush administration.

In the most concrete terms, the Obama plan replaces Bush's antimissile plan and with a reconfigured system that destroys short and mid-range missiles instead of intercontinental missiles.

According to *Bloomberg News*, Raytheon Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. stand to gain the most financially. Since February 2009, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has been an advocate of a strategy that uses the Advanced Capability-3 missiles and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense both made by Raytheon and Lockheed as opposed to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense and the Airborne Laser both made by Boeing. Lockheed and Raytheon's technology is more appropriate because the missile shield system Obama has proposed is meant to be mobile as opposed to the stationary system proposed by the Bush Administration.

President Obama's decision brought mixed reactions from all sides. According to *the New York Times*, the decision was praised by Russia's president Dmitri Medvedev, and was acknowledged as "brave and correct" by Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin.

Obama faced criticism mostly from Congressional Republicans and politicians in Poland the Czech Republic, the two nations where the missile defense system was to be built. Both nations saw the planned missile defense system as protection from perceived Russian aggression. Russia saw the missile defense system as a grave danger to its security.

The Obama administration maintains the decision was made in response to a re-assessment of Iran's nuclear capabilities, specifically in terms of short and medium range missiles.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called the Obama administration's plans "anti-Iran." According to *The Islamic Republic News*



VIRGINIA MAYO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dmitry O. Rogozin, the Russian ambassador to NATO, awaiting the first major policy speech by the new NATO secretary general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, in Brussels on Friday, Sept. 18, 2009.

Agency the Ayatollah maintains that Iran's nuclear ambitions are solely for energy purposes and the Western concerns about the program are "purely a fabrication by the United States."

In defense of his change in plans, Obama said, "[the change is based] on an updated intelligence assessment... The Islamic Republic's 'short and medium-range missiles' pose the most current threat...this new ballistic missile defense system will best address [that threat]." In response, Khamenei compared the Obama administration to Bush's and accused him of using "friendly words and messages," but retaining the same Bush-era anti-Islamic policies.

Obama's decision has not made friends in Iran. But conversely, his decision has made Russia happy. Although the administration will not comment, analysts highlight the administration's hope that this overture will convince Russia to help the U.S. with sanctions against Iran for its nuclear program, through the UN Security Council.

Obama will be the first U.S. president to preside over the UN

Security Council meeting which will be held at the UN headquarters in New York this Friday.

Although critics label Obama's decision as mere capitulation to Russia, they can agree that the decision will yield smoother talks between the U.S. and Russia on renegotiating their most important arms-reduction treaty, START: Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which will expire on Dec. 5 of this year.

With Russia seeking deeper cuts in nuclear capable launchers and bombers and the U.S. seeking to exclude from the treaty weapons converted to non-nuclear missions, both countries have given up on ratifying a new treaty before Dec. 5.

Some U.S. officials are instead exploring the option of extending START, the treaty that has been the base for both countries sharp reduction in nuclear capable arsenal for the past 18 years.

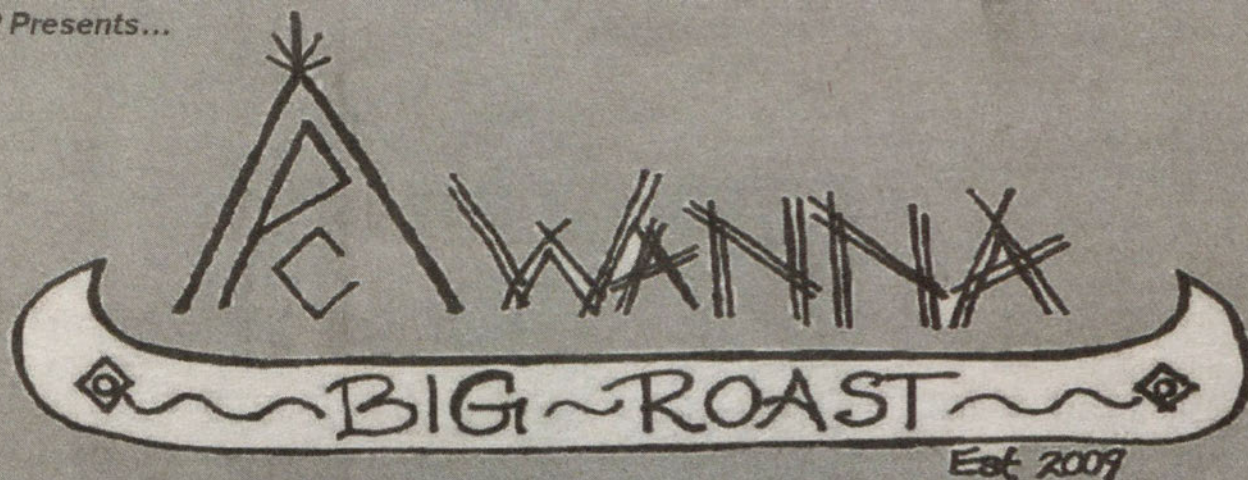
Even if the treaty is renegotiated, it would still take a long time for the treaty to be ratified in the U.S., because of the objection Obama will face from Senate Republicans who see

Obama's decision as an unnecessary overture to Russia. On NBC's *Meet the Press*, Sen. Lindsey Graham(R-S.C.) said, "This is going to be seen as a capitulation to the Russians, who had no real basis to object to what we were doing. And at the end of the day you empowered the Russians, you made Iran happy and you made the people in Eastern Europe wonder who we are as Americans."

Although critics see Obama's decision as an abandonment of American allies in Eastern Europe, Poland and the Czech Republic, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusks affirmed the U.S. and Poland remain allies.

According to *Fox News*, Tusk also said Obama's proposal is not a "defeat" for Poland, and the alternative strategy should not affect the security of Poland or of Europe. Although the critics and supporters of Obama's plan are divided on the semantics of his plan, they do agree that the test of the correctness of Obama's decision will be whether Russia supports the U.S. in raising sanctions against Iran because of its nuclear program.

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Protests Divide Thailand: Red Versus Yellow

Thaksin Calls for Reconciliation of the Deteriorated State

by Mackenzie Mango '10
World Staff

THAILAND

According to CNN, crowds of demonstrators turned out in Bangkok on Saturday to mark the third anniversary of the coup which ousted controversial Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. Thaksin won elections in Thailand in 2001 and 2005.

The demonstration is merely the latest show of support for the disgraced former leader.

It has been reported that around 9,000 soldiers and police officers had been deployed on the streets of the Thai capital to guard key locations.

On the Cambodian border, an anti-Thaksin group clashed with police as it tried to enter a disputed border temple. According to BBC, several people were injured and one man was shot in the neck.

Yet the violence is nothing new. Immediately after the current Prime Minister Abhisit's declaration, dozens of protesters stormed the country's Interior Ministry and pelted Abhisit's car with rocks, chairs, flags and sticks as he escaped.

Abhisit later stated that he was afraid for his life. Thailand has been largely unstable since Thaksin, a multibillionaire media tycoon elected as a result of his populist platform, was ousted from power in a bloodless army coup in 2006.

Currently, Thaksin remains a polarizing figure in Thailand continuing to command substantial support in the countryside.

However, he has been in exile abroad in Dubai since last October, following a sentencing of two years in prison. He was convicted on several corruption charges by Thailand's Supreme Court. In a speech to his supporters via video, he called for national reconciliation.

"Our country has deteriorated and risks being a failed state. I have already forgiven everybody, let's start



THOMAS FULLER/THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

Yahya Mara, right is a 23 year-old Muslim conscripted into the Thai army and serves as an interpreter in operations in villages racked by insurgent violence.

anew and decide on new elections". Supporters of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra could be identified by their red shirts. They currently plan to present a petition to a representative of the royal household.

They say more than five million people have signed it, asking the king to pardon Thaksin. "Why do you have to leave me dying in the desert when I can work for our country?" he has reportedly stated.

Until last year, his allies had stayed in power with the government headed by Thaksin's brother-in law, Somchai Wongsawat. They were able to remain strong despite disruptive protests by the opposition People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD). The PAD supporters traditionally dress in yellow and represent Thailand's traditional ruling class.

The PAD achieved its goal of ousting Somchai in December last year after a week-long occupation of the prime ministerial Government House offices and blockading Bangkok's main airports, stranding thousands of tourists. Following the

blockade, Thailand's Constitutional Court proceeded to disband Somchai's People Power Party for electoral fraud. Additionally, they barred Somchai from office for five years. This paved the way for Thai lawmakers to elect opposition leader Abhisit as prime minister.

Currently, the rift in Thai society symbolized by the red and yellow shirts, remains strong. Police estimated more than 25,000 people were at the rally, the largest since April.

Thus, Abhisit's first and perhaps most difficult challenge is calming the intense political atmosphere.

Mr. Abhisit's second challenge will be to rebuild confidence in an economy that is headed for trouble.

The full cost of the airport occupation has yet to be fully counted, but it is estimated to run into several billions of dollars.

Additionally, some economists are predicting the economy will shrink as more than a million Thai jobs are expected to be lost next year.

The Sunny Side

by Sarah Laperriere '11
Asst. World Editor

On Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, Sally Pyne returned to her California home to find the door to her box turtles' pen open. Pyne had left food out for her cat attracting a raccoon to the yard. The raccoon had attacked her turtles leaving the female unscathed, but severely injuring the male, Lucky.

Pyne found Lucky outside the pen missing his two front legs. She immediately rushed Lucky to the veterinarian, Dr. Jereb. Lucky was treated with antibiotics and pain medication. Pyne did not believe her beloved pet would survive, but upon seeing Lucky's fighting spirit decided to do whatever it took to save him.

Dr. Jereb rushed out to the hardware store to try and find material for Lucky's prosthetic legs. Jereb decided on coasters, the sliders that are frequently put on table and chair legs. Stacks of two sliders were attached in the place of each leg making the appropriate height.

The sliders enabled Lucky to move around per his usual activity. The coasters tend to wear easily and are not thought to be a permanent prosthetic. Jereb is in search of a new idea.

Oddly Enough

by Sarah Laperriere '11
Asst. World Editor

A young boy in Huntsville, Ala. last Friday faked his own kidnapping to hide his bad grades.

The 11-year-old claimed to have been abducted in front of his middle school on Friday by a man in a "beat-up car," who then threatened to kill him. The boy alleged to have escaped from the car grabbing his band instrument, but conveniently forgetting his backpack containing his report card he had received earlier that day in school.

The boy returned home telling his grandmother this tale, who immediately reported it to police.

The boy later confessed his lie; however, the backpack and report card are still missing, according to MSNBC.

Yale Graduate Student Murdered: Clark Arrested

by Jenny Arvanaghi '10
World Editor

UNITED STATES

Hours after she was supposed to be married, Annie Le, a graduate student at Yale University, was found dead. Investigators, who had been searching for several days, found her body in the basement wall of an off-campus medical research building.

Le was an excellent student, valedictorian of her high school class and voted by her classmates as "most likely to be the next Einstein." She received \$160,000 in scholarship offers and went to the University of Rochester. The 24-year-old graduate student studied pharmacology at Yale. She was soon to be married to Jonathan Widawsky, a graduate student at Columbia who had been her college sweetheart.

She was last seen alive on Sept. 7, 2009, when she appeared in a surveillance video entering a four-story lab at 10 Amistad St., about 10 blocks from main campus. Her absence was first noted when her purse, containing her identification, cell phone and money was found in her office in another Yale building a few blocks from the lab.

According *The New York Times*, a statement issued by the office

of Connecticut's chief medical examiner said her death was classified as a homicide. On Monday night, hundreds of people attended a candlelight vigil at Yale for Le and the university promised additional security at the lab building, which was closed on Monday while investigators looked for possible clues.

Last Thursday, the authorities charged a technician, Raymond Clark III, with murdering Annie Le. Clark, who is also 24 years old, was arrested at about 8:00 a.m. in the Super 8 Motel in Cromwell, Conn. He had been staying there with his father for several days while authorities interviewed him and took DNA samples. He was charged with murder and driven back to New Haven where he was arraigned. His bail was set at \$3 million. He first was suspected last week because of scratches on his chest as well as scratches and bruises on his arms. According to authorities his DNA matched the crime scene evidence.

Clark was promoted to a full-time animal technician, a position that pays \$12 to \$25 per hour. This job required him to serve as caretaker for the animals, moving them into clean cages and checking to make sure they were not dehydrated, sick, or dead.

A team leader in the Amistad building said that several of his researchers complained last year that Clark was rude to them, prompting the

team leader to alert Clark's supervisor.

Richard C. Levin, the president of Yale, said the supervisor "reports that nothing in the history of his employment at the university gave an indication that his involvement in such a crime might be possible.



YALE UNIVERSITY

A picture of Annie Le, a graduate student at Yale University who was murdered.

Other technicians said that Clark had significant authority in his position, and it would not have been uncommon for him to directly call or send e-mails to students about their lab work. While most technicians do not have strong relationships with students, they do get to know one another.

A spokesman for the New Haven police said her killing "doesn't appear to be a random act," but would not comment further.

Le, who had watched experiments with laboratory mice at the lab building, had herself questioned the safety of the campus less than eight months before, when she wrote an article for a student magazine on how to avoid becoming "yet another statistic."

Le was known as someone who could "juggle a joke with serious scientific research."

Dennis Jones, a graduate student in immunology, said he often saw her at lunch, walking along the block between her office, and the lab building where she was killed. He saw her pushing a cart with the mice she used for experiments many times, and said it took three levels of security to get into the basement of the lab building including two swipes of a security card.

"She was going to go out and change the world," said Virginia Hamilton, a librarian and club advisor at the high school in California. "She was very smart, but not the quiet, nerdy type."



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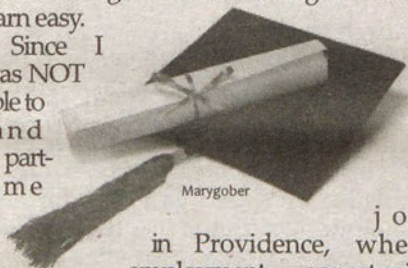
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Commentary Editor

ECONOMY

Hooray! I'm a senior, and I'm NOT going to get a job next year! Thanks to my wonderful liberal arts education at Providence College, I do NOT have the credentials that will give me an edge in the job market because, as we know, the economy is NOT booming. NOT having a steady income will NOT be helpful in paying off my loans, which will surely NOT ease my parents' financial burden. I am so NOT excited to start my life after PC, when I will be totally NOT independent and NOT ready to grab life by the horns.

As an English major, I'm NOT confident that numerous employers will be pursuing me. I mean, NOT everyone wants an aspiring writer who had a mediocre non-paying internship this past summer, right? Thank God the newspaper industry is NOT flourishing, publishing houses are NOT thirsting for creative young minds, and breaking into travel writing is so NOT darn easy.

Since I was NOT able to land a part-time



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job in Providence, where employment opportunity is NOT soaring, I do NOT have a positive cash-flow. I'm assuming I will NOT make it through the semester without having to beg rent money from Mom and Dad. This winter will NOT be a warm one in my apartment! And what's more, I can't help but notice that since I've turned 21, my nightlife expenses have NOT lessened—developing a snobbish aversion to anything other than micro-brews and top-shelf gin has proved NOT beneficial to my spending habits. Money management is absolutely NOT my strong suit.

I think what really allows me to NOT rest assured is my commitment to NOT preparing myself for my future. I've NOT read the e-mails from the career office and made sure NOT to schedule an appointment to edit my resume. If I'm not in class or at my apartment, I'm NOT at the library, NOT memorizing Shakespeare lines. It's a comfort to know that studying for quizzes and making PowerPoint presentations will NOT have a significant effect on my career path. I've done everything I'm supposed to; a lucrative future is obviously NOT a given. The world is my oyster! (NOT.)

Evidently, I'm in two minds about my situation in life—one can be found between all the NOTs and the other one includes them. Am I to have faith that my education will pay off? Or shall I make like Debbie Downer and lament the money wasted on trying to better myself in an economy that just ain't having it? To play the realist or the idealist: a tough decision. So to you upperclassmen who are likewise weaving between the NOTs, just remember that while the world may not be our oyster, Providence College is. You can't spell Pleasant Street without Eaton Street (almost), and if nothing else, there's always Old's.

Tearing Down the Love Shack

A Piece in Praise of Parietals



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As every freshman has learned by now, parietals are annoying. They are inconvenient. They are no fun. Most damningly, these restrictions on opposite-gender visitation in the dormitories are—to pull a phrase gingerly from the argot—an unfortunate circumstance that rhymes with “rock chalk.” Inattentiveness during campus tours and/or straight-up disbelief on the part of prospective students causes an annual tidal wave

“THE POINT IS NOT PRIMARILY TO RESTRICT BEHAVIOR, BUT RATHER TO SUGGEST AN ATTITUDE OF...RESTRAINT”

of outrage during the opening weeks of the academic year, when the male freshmen discover that it is genuinely difficult to pull off a sleep over in McVinney Hall.

So why on earth does the Providence College administration stick to their guns in the face of such formidable freshman opposition? If you ask most students, they will tell you that the naïve old clerics wearing white muumuus are trying to indemnify themselves against divine retribution by halfheartedly enforcing Commandments Six and Nine. The trouble is, as many clever wags have observed, premarital sex is not an activity limited to the wee, small hours of the morning.

This most common critique of PC's parietals faults the rules for failing in their supposed main objective of sex prevention, and succeeding only in making everyone bothered—and probably hot, to boot.

This analysis completely misses the true purpose of parietals. In a move so typical of our society, these critics reduce the entire issue to one thing: sex, plain and simple (as, it must be noted, sex never really is). The point is not primarily to restrict behavior, but rather to suggest and slowly educe an attitude of caution and restraint toward assumptions our culture now takes completely for granted. Parietal restrictions conform to an ancient, vanishing and deeply

are far more likely to end in divorce. A smaller set of studies suggests that the marginal difference in divorce rate is less large, but statistical bickering misses the larger and less ambiguous point: amidst the ongoing collapse of marriage as an institution, the stigma against cohabitation utterly vanished, and its prevalence exploded. These phenomena are pretty clearly related. The new cohabiting consensus is both a symptom and a cause of the endemic problems with marriage: the societal embrace of that which was once called “living in sin” breeds widespread and deeply mistaken attitudes about the nature and significance of marriage, and in turn many more couples flee the institution like rats from a sinking ship. It is precisely these mistaken attitudes about privacy and intimacy against which parietals are an attempt to inoculate us, the young and all-too-often foolish.

This analogy with cohabitation helps shed light on the other, more cogent main critique of parietals: the inequality of their enforcement in men's and women's dormitories. This objection, while often overstated (male RAs do a pretty solid job of hunting down the feminine giggles at 0200, albeit with many exceptions), does have some merit: there are security guards stationed in the distaff dorms during the night, but none in the all-male housing. In the eyes of these critics, the way parietals are applied is an affront to gender equality. If you are of this view, it may surprise you to learn that the largest group of people who join scary religious conservatives like me in

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A Third Wheel's Take On Dorm Room Dynamics



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Providence College students, be you freshmen or seniors, male or female, biology or marketing majors, this one goes out to all of you. I'm talking about something you've all probably experienced in your dorm-life experiences at PC. If you haven't, consider yourself one of the lucky and the few. Fellow students, no matter where you are right now, reading this week's *Cowl*, listen closely. If you're in Slavin or Ray, if you're in the library or in class, your room or the Chapel basement, stand up proudly if you have been a victim of the roommate plus one situation. You know what I'm talking about.

It's something you never imagined encountering when you, a fresh-faced, wide-eyed high school graduate sent in your deposit to Providence and eagerly filled out your housing application as if it were a letter to Santa Claus asking for an Official Red Ryder BB Gun. Your roommate has a significant other. And now you have another roommate. Go ahead, don't be ashamed. You'll feel better. Stand proudly and say, “Hi. My name is _____ and I've been a victim of the roommate-plus-one situation.” Now

sit back down and feel the weight gently lifted off your shoulders by the roommate fairies. Be sure to dust that glitter off your shoulders, too. Yup, a little more. No, other shoulder. Okay, you got it. Yeah, I promise.



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Anyone who has been in this predicament knows just how deeply it can affect one's room. If you like your “extra” roommate it could be fun. But let's face it, these aren't big rooms to begin with. Forcing five bodies into a room built for three often results in Sunday mornings that smell like the Depression and awkward, unplanned, accidental butt

grazes when shuffling by poorly laid out furniture. The extra roommate means always changing down the hall in the bathroom. It means staying up until parietals end or until the couple decides they're done hanging out. It might mean being afraid to bring your parents by after brunch on a Sunday afternoon. It means sometimes feeling uncomfortable, unwanted, and awkward in your own room. It means overhearing the late-night or early-morning make out sessions that the couple decides to engage in, after they've decided everyone else in the room is definitely asleep. Oh I know, you were very much awake. It means listening to tickle-fights and giggle-filled playful conversations conducted in various dialects of baby talk which make you feel a. like you want to kill yourself or b. lonely, depressed, and painfully aware of your lack of a significant other. You may have approached your door after a long day to find a tie or a rubber band around the knob.

I feel the best way to go about resolving a situation like this is to be proactive. Try to make it as uncomfortable as possible for everyone by being really up-front about everything. Ask your roommate couple the most awkward questions you can think of. For example, “When's the baby due?” If you're a girl, do your best to really freak the

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Time Is On Your Side . . . Unless You Waste It!



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PERSONAL REFLECTION

"Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future..." These words were sung in the late '70s, and perhaps that decade isn't known for its wisdom and Steve Miller isn't up there on the list of great philosophical minds (I mean, he's a self-proclaimed joker!), but I think the phrase is poignant and relevant even 30-some-odd years later.

The world around us is constantly changing and it is beyond our human control. People, animals, and plants are born, grow, live, and die daily. This change is something that existed long before time came to be. Time is a human construction that measures the duration of these preexisting changes. As such, time is by its very nature limited. It cannot be infinite; it must be a measurement that has both a starting point and an ending point. Because of the fact that time is finite, placing infinite demands on it causes a shortage of time.

That, of course, is the problem we encounter. Many view time as an infinite entity. Sure, it seems that way. As long as there are human beings to measure it, time could continue to exist. But in a way, time is more like the rainforest. At one point it did not exist, and then it grew into something massive that now creates a lot of controversy. And, like the rainforest, time is rapidly dwindling. Human beings are trying to pack so much more into so much less time, pushing their own boundaries and stretching time too thin. At this alarming rate, we will have run out of time by the year 2025, which of course would then mark the end of time. (Note: the end of *time* does not signify the end of the world, merely the destruction of a human invention that will most likely be replaced by a newer flashier model at this juncture).

Currently, there are two movements in modern society: those who wish to "save" time and those who want to "waste" it. Both ideologies have

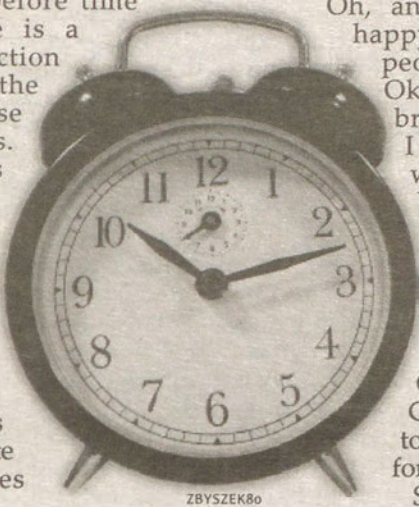
a number of gadgets that help humanity achieve either of those extremes, or sometimes even both. We've got lighters, electricity, computers, cars, airplanes, spaceships, barcodes, machines, machines, machines, but no matter how much time we save, we waste that much more of it.

I can check the weather online to see what kind of clothing I should wear; that might save me from changing a few times. Oh and while I'm there I'll see if I got an e-mail from my professor responding to my question on the homework. Oh look! New Facebook posts...I'll just check those real quick. Hey, this YouTube video my friend posted looks kind of funny I'll just watch that then I'll go eat breakfast.

Oh, and maybe I'll wish happy birthday to some people I barely know. Okay, now I'm eating breakfast and I realize I forgot to check the weather online! No big deal, there's a TV in the kitchen. I'll just flip the weather channel on—THERE'S A HANNAH MONTANA MARATHON ON THE DISNEY CHANNEL!?! I'm totally skipping class for this.

See what I mean?

All I really had to do was look out the window. By trying to save time I really ended up wasting so much more of it. And what did I really accomplish? I formed fake relationships with people who will remain almost strangers and got to see Billy Ray Cyrus with a rapist moustache. Humanity demands more and more from the constraints of time because this is the sort of methods we use to preserve it. The road to saving time is not in doing things quicker, but rather in doing them more accurately and thoroughly. It is always better to do the job right and take an extra minute or two than to try and take the easy way out, because there always arise more complications that at first were expected. What's the weather like today? Just look out the window; I promise you it will save you a lot of time. So while Steve Miller thinks time is slipping away, I prefer to think of it the way Hootie sees it: "Cause tomorrow's just another day, and I don't believe in time."



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High Fives & Nose Dives

High Fives: *Jazzman's Perks Card*. Buy a \$3 dollar card and get a free drink plus 10 percent off for every drink thereafter when you use your card. Did I mention free flavor shots? A deal like this is sure to keep you perked up!

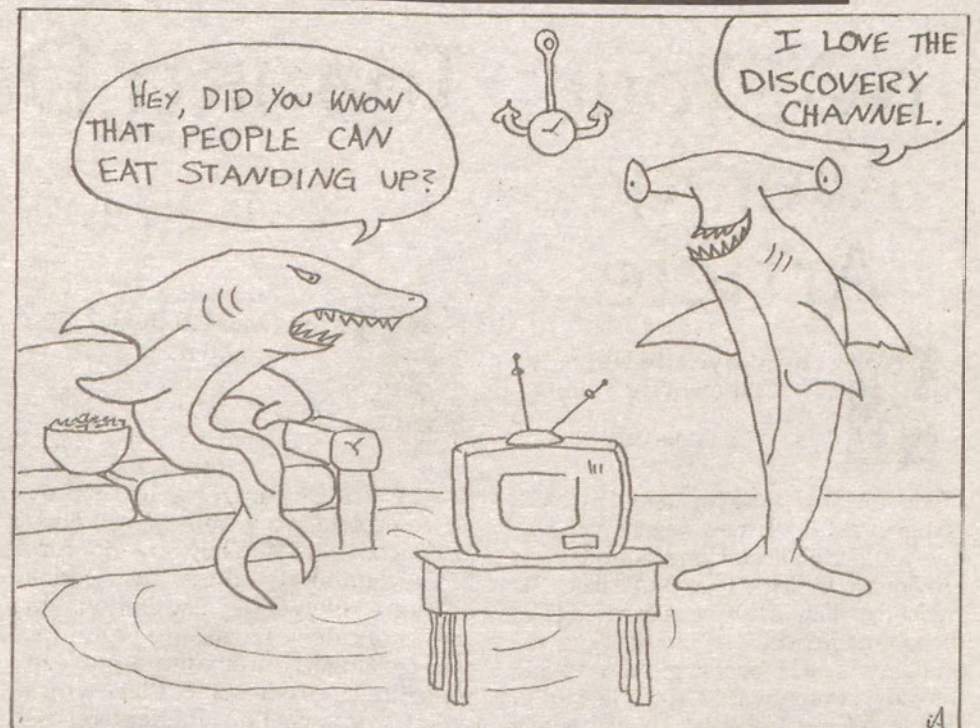
Nose Dives: *Furious Friar Fanatics*. Students who did not purchase '09-'10 Men's Basketball tickets will not be allowed to sit in the student section. (Insert resounding Dunk-wide BOO here.)

—Maryclaire Dugre '10

Where has the Health and Wellness Office Gone? The Health and Wellness office used to be in a prominent position in the glass room in front of the Slavin Fishbowl. Now that room is occupied by an empty table and some chairs and the Wellness Office is down some obscure hallway somewhere. Glad to see that student health is a top priority for PC.

—John Vaghi '10

TOO HOT FOR WORDS



"Human Week"

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Beware: Theology Courses Are Slim Pickins'

by Tim Fleming '10
Commentary Staff

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It is no big secret that Providence College has a curriculum heavily weighted down by theology courses. After all, it is a Catholic college. After four semesters of the Development of Western Civilization course and the additional two theology cores in which each PC student is supposed to participate, we should all be theological experts by the time we graduate. Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on your opinion) this is not exactly the case for everyone.

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One of the reasons for this visible lack of interest and enthusiasm to study theology is the classes offered. The range of theology courses is not very wide, but there are 33 different courses offered plus one independent study program. Thirty-three different classes seems like a lot, but one has to keep in mind that the entire school, no matter the major or interest, has to take these courses. So what happens when the course you want to take is filled up? Nothing, you move on and pick another.

This is because it is the policy of the PC Department of Theology to not over-enroll any courses. One would think that of all the academic departments on campus the most inclusive would be the theology department, but this is not true. One would also think that the school would like to encourage students to take the classes in which they will participate fully, but for the theology department 20 seats means 20 seats only. That one student who was locked out of "The Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas" and who actually enjoyed reading *Summa Theologiae* in Civ has to take "Growth in Christian Life," where he will most likely grumble his way through class participation. There will be no good notes taken by the global studies major who was not able to get into "The

Church and Major World Religions" but was instead forced into "The Church in the World Today."

By not allowing students to choose the classes they want to take, and by not increasing the number of the more popular courses, the Department of Theology is creating a group of students who are just going through the motions with the theology courses they have to take. Students are not seeing the meaning in any of these classes, putting them on the lowest level of priority, and checking their cell phones every minute of their attendance. They are completely apathetic to the class they are in. Some would argue that the no over

enrollment policy is smart and keeps classes small. That really cannot be argued, as my current theology class has just seven students. Who is to say that a smaller class is better though? With a smaller class you get far fewer points of view and that does not take away from the fact that many students in the class will be totally disconnected and uninterested. It would not be crazy to claim that many of the smallest theology classes are merely overflow from other, more popular, but full courses.

It is not too late to turn over a new leaf, however! The Department of Theology can save the day in the nick of time if only they reworked their policy! Allowing over enrollment and beefing up the number of the most popular theology courses would change a good deal. Students would be more interested and less angry about the course they have to take, which after Civ is sure to feel like their sixth theology class. This is something simple that seems to make more sense, at least to me. The idea that the theology department excludes people from the courses they truly wish to take just seems...well, it seems sort of like a sick joke, right?

Swine Flu: The Side Effects We Didn't Bargain For



by Jeff Gahan '11
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CAMPUS

This year there is much talk about swine flu, and if/when it will be hitting our campus. At the end of last semester, Spring '09, when it became apparent that swine flu was infecting and killing people, the Providence College community already began to take measures to help prevent the spread of the disease. They posted signs in public restrooms around campus telling students and faculty how to properly wash one's hands and help stop the spread of diseases. Some of the bathrooms on campus are friendlier to this environment: Raymond Hall has the automatic faucets that help prevent one from spreading germs. Other bathrooms on campus are far from modern: dare I talk about the third floor Harkins Hall bathrooms again? The entire summer there was a huge buzz revolving around how many people they feel will get sick from swine flu, and some estimates have stated 25 to 50 percent of the population will contract the disease; however, we are to also note the average seasonal flu rates, and notice that there isn't much of a difference between the death rates of the two.

While reading more about the swine flu on the World Health Organization website, I came across interesting data saying that, as of Sept. 4, there have been 2,837 reported deaths globally. This number may seem staggering; however, when juxtaposed next to the average number of deaths per year globally due to the seasonal flu, we see that this number is still much lower. And depending on which medium one uses to look at this information, one can either find data supporting a big problem in this swine flu pandemic; or, one could read that people are worrying about nothing for no reason. In my opinion, that is neither here nor there, because I am not here

to argue whether or not swine flu is a problem; I am here to argue that the prevention of the spread of germs and bacteria is ultimately up to us, not whatever institution we belong to.

While looking at the measures PC has taken to help prevent the spread of germs, we note the following: see that they have: Put hand sanitizer dispensers in more rooms in buildings on campus, provided disinfecting wipes in common use areas around campus, and posted information about prevention tips on PC homepage. These are all great steps taken by the college, but it still seems like they could have done more. There is always more that could be done, but at what point does it become impractical to spend resources when it is ultimately the responsibility of the general public that is to be held accountable for their actions



in regards to the transmission of germs?

While looking at the H1N1 link that PC has put at the bottom right-hand corner of the PC homepage, one can see that the college has taken measures to help prevent the spread. But what I am interested in is the attendance policies of teachers and departments. It seems as though some of the teachers that I have heard from are very worried and are very willing to forgive students of their absences due to an illness, while others feel as though students are going to abuse this clemency that is being given by some students. General PC policy can be seen on the Web site, and it will be interesting to see what happens if and when a student does contract H1N1 on campus. Which will win out, the College's policies, or the whim of the teachers?

My Two Cents

by Jenn DiPirro '12
Commentary Staff

Kanye West wrote a song called "Jesus Walks." Does West think he is Jesus? Because the rest of us are wondering exactly who he thinks he is! Most people have heard about the incident that took place between West and Taylor Swift at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 13. Swift was in the middle of her acceptance speech for Best Female Video of the Year for her hit "You Belong with Me" when West came out of nowhere, took the microphone out of her hands, and said in front of the entire audience (and millions of viewers worldwide,) "I'm sorry, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos [Single Ladies] of all time."

Taylor Swift looked as though she was on the verge of tears. Needless to say, MTV quickly cut to commercial. Perhaps this would have been

somewhat excusable if West had never done anything as outrageous or rude in the past, but we can all certainly recall a similar incident a few years ago at the Hurricane Katrina telethon in 2005. West went off-script and proclaimed that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." Poor Mike Myers, who was presenting with Kanye, looked as if he wanted to spit twice and then die. How is this man still allowed on television? Following West's appearance on the VMAs he was also a guest on *The Jay Leno Show* where Leno asked the rapper what his deceased mother would have thought of his outburst at the award show. West, who was pretty choked up, immediately apologized and said, "It was rude, period." Your mother is surely rolling over in her grave, Mr. West. No one can doubt his talent, but let's face it, no one really likes Kanye. And even he tries a little too hard to let the world know how much he loves himself.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Two Thumbs Down: I heard this horrible rumor that they are turning the "MacGruber" sketches from *Saturday Night Live* into a full-length movie. What? Let me ask this question to anyone who has seen these sketches on the show: Does anyone out there find them remotely funny? Who had the bright idea to say, "Let's pick a show that has been off the air for a few decades, make fun of it in little one-minute sketches, and then scatter them throughout the show for a few years so that no one can escape them"? Satan? I have not ruled it out. The truth is that those sketches are so painfully unfunny that whoever came up with them needs to go back to writing school and whoever green lighted this movie project should be fired. I fast forward through those sketches every time I Tivo *SNL*. I can't imagine sitting through two hours of it. —Andy Kowal '10

Washing Away Segregation: Last November, as a nation we elected an African-American to our country's highest office for the first time in history. This, while it certainly does not mark the extermination of racism in the U.S., obviously signifies an enormous progression from the racial hatred of our country's past. It pains me, however, to have to report a recent observance that proves the contrary. Before doing my laundry earlier this week, I was blindsided by a despicable, unmistakable account of modern day segregation. On the washing machine were two separate clearly marked settings – WHITES and COLORS. I was shocked and appalled to see that selecting your race before using the washing machine was necessary, especially amidst the "equality vibrant" society we live in. Apparently the washing machine needs to know the color of your skin to function properly, just like water fountains used to need to know the color of your skin to produce water. So much for making strides. Frankly, I am surprised and annoyed that I am the first to acknowledge this primitive form of hatred at our College, but I am more annoyed that after I chose the WHITES setting, all of the color ran out of my dark t-shirts. —Chris Slavin '12

Constitution Solution: When Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was asked how he would change the United States Constitution had he been present at its writing, Thomas responded that his only addition would be a provision reading, "Don't make up stuff that's not in here." Last week, the Providence College community received an email regarding "Constitution Day 2010," which seeks to commemorate the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and is sponsored in part by the Department of Political Science. The email noted that over the next year, students will be able to participate in a "Mock Constitutional Convention," complete with chances "to create a system of revising, amending or even re-writing the United States Constitution." The event, though in its preliminary stages, seems to rest on the principle that by rewriting the Constitution, we might make it better. As Justice Thomas and others have pointed out, the Constitution is often "rewritten" by progressive jurists who ignore the workings of the document in favor of arbitrary principles such as international law or their own personal moral framework. From such behavior, we learn that rewriting the Constitution, as opposed to amending it, renders the document obsolete. As Americans, the highest honor we might give the Constitution is to legislate and judge by nothing other than what it says. —Mark Scirocco '10

Listen Up!: Have you ever been running along on the treadmill at the gym and wondered why you like that song that is blaring through your headphones? When it comes to music, are you more of a passive or an active listener? If you're the former, do you allow the radio and friends' playlists to determine what you hear? If you're the latter, do you take more time to get to know a particular style of music, mull over the lyrics, and determine whether you will spend that \$1.25 on iTunes? Do you often wonder whether those lyrics are attempting to mold your thoughts on everything from politics to romance? Whether or not you're much of a partier, does blaring 50 Cent's *In Da Club* allow you to feel like you might be for those three minutes and fifteen seconds? Maybe you put on the "tough girl" front but Taylor Swift's melodies are still resonating in your dreams. Regardless, we cannot ignore the major impact lyrics have on our culture. Some may make the claim that celebrities don't release albums based on their personal ideologies – that it's only about the demands of their labels and the money. Given their outspokenness, I doubt that's the case. So, next time you're listening to Lil Wayne or Erin McCarley, take a moment and focus in on their message and determine whether or not you endorse it. —Viviana Garcia '12

I'll Ask the Questions Around Here: Will someone please ask some hard questions? President Barack Obama appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, and Spanish-language Univision's political talk show "Al Punto" in order to yet again, rally support for his massive healthcare overhaul. Fox News, clearly the president's only ardent critic, was not scheduled by the White House to tape an interview with the president. Interesting, considering the news station's audience outnumbers all the others combined, and is most likely to be watched by people the president should be trying to appeal to. Well considering the president didn't receive any really challenging questions this weekend; I have one of my own. So Mr. President, on Sunday during your interview with ABC, you ignored a question about the recent allegations brought upon the political action group Acorn, which involved the prostitution of minors. Wasn't that group a major contributor to your campaign? And aren't the House and Senate currently voting on ending government funding for Acorn, based on the fact that the evidence for their alleged crimes is actually irrefutable? If this is all true then why did you say, "It's not something I'm paying a lot of attention to?" Wait, so not only do you not care about what's going on in Congress, you don't feel that you have to address any question that might challenge your motives? I am so tired of the incessant, unchallenged-spin the president supplies on what seems like a daily basis now. What ever happened to our leaders having to answer to us, the people? Don't they work for us? Lately, it doesn't really seem that way. —Joe Sirianni '10

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arguing for the reinvigoration of big-league parietals—i.e., social strictures against shacking up—are feminists. This may be news to you, but men and women characteristically have very different concepts of commitment. Many feminists recognize that, in a vastly disproportionate number of pre-marital situations, women get the short end of the emotional stick. Consenting to become prey does not make getting eaten hurt less.

As with parietals, the issue here is not just sex, but the fundamental, culturally foundational notion that men and women are different creatures—both alike in dignity, but distinct and deserving of respect, privacy, and modesty from the opposite sex. One of the big reasons marriage is such a life-changing, earth-shaking enterprise is that it unites these distinct persons into one entity, which is supposed to be identified with the household, the family and the act of consummation. The attitudes necessary to sustain this ideal used to be learned and observed throughout childhood, but are now being broken down from diaper one. The fragmentation in our post-modern society has made each one of the aspects of marriage—sex, cohabitation, marriage, children—

into a separate issue. In this culture we decide upon each aspect one at a time, accepting each only as it becomes convenient or desirable.

It is this toxic air that this College attempts to filter over the course of each student's four-year tenure here. Parietals are not about preserving virginity so much as creating an environment where modesty is enabled and encouraged. Lost amidst the cacophony of complaint are the pro-parietal voices you don't hear: the rather timid souls who would prefer to sleep, wake and go about their morning routine without feeling embarrassment about displaying bed head or morning stiffness in the presence of persons not of their own sexes. Such care for these quaint but vital notions is a refreshing change from the institutional attitudes of schools like the very famous one across town, where coed dorms and rubber distribution are seen not just as amenities, but as moral imperatives. You do not have to like parietals, but use your next 3 :00 a.m. period of frustrated wakeful solitude to examine whether what is immediately desirable is always ultimately fulfilling.

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Healing Homosexuality: A Pseudoscience

by Jayo Miko Macasaquit '11
Guest Commentary

Last year, as I was exiting Phillips Memorial Library, I came across several printed handouts laid neatly across the table near the library entrance titled "Healing Homosexuality." Appalled, I immediately took all copies of this handout and asked the librarian somewhat angrily where the handouts came from and if she'd take offense to me disposing of them all. The librarian, too, was appalled and said she did not know where they came from, but as long as I recycled the handouts, she would take no offense. I would therefore like to express my utter disdain and disappointment at the inclusion of a book titled "Healing Homosexuality: Case Stories of Reparative Therapy" as a required textbook in a PC course almost irrelevantly named "Marriage: The Theological Approach."

I will refrain from going on at large about the issue of marriage equality; I will merely point out the fact that all but one New England state has achieved it. I will also refrain from ranting about the difference between "case stories" and "case studies," just that the latter is related to science, whereas the former is an unscientific perversion of the latter's concept. I will further refrain from

explaining the reasons why Reparative Therapy has been discredited by The National Association of Social Work, American Psychological Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Medical Association, and other professional organizations; although I'm sure increased risk of depression and self-destructive behavior from the implementation of this type of therapy has something to do with it.

I will instead comment on the implications of considering this pseudoscientific book a credible academic resource. Though the course is in theology, there is a fine line between obscure opinion and psychiatric advice, and from what I've read, the book uses pseudoscience and unconfirmed stories to attempt to blur it. Let me remind the PC community that SHEPARD exists on our campus. Let me also remind the PC community that a book such as this is anti-progressive in terms of what our College stands for in acceptance and diversity. I encourage students of this course, as well as anyone who may come into contact with the book, to approach it with caution.

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guy out by unleashing your arsenal of female confidentiality weapons. He knows his girlfriend's telling you everything and you can now use this against him. So, on any casual weekday afternoon, when your favorite couple is watching *Family Matters* and cuddling, ask how his rash is clearing up. Always act very interested, use eye contact and while nodding your head and crossing your arms, assure him that "it happens to TONS of guys!" If you're a guy, mind-ninja the girlfriend by asking if she's upset by the fact that her boyfriend's mom hates her. Of course none of these are meant to be malicious. The abused roommate does need

some way to express their pent-up frustrations. All in all, most of us will be put in this situation one time or another. It's just another part of going to college and living the dorm life. As for you single roommates out there, keep on fighting the good fight and remember that you are not alone. You "plus one" people, (you know who you are) always be considerate of your roommates. We should enjoy living with each other before we have to wake up to the same person every morning for sixty-five years. If nothing else, it will make us better, more tolerant people and hopefully give us some great stories to tell our friends and later on, our kids.

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"Ugly carpets."
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"People in glass houses shouldn't cast stones!"
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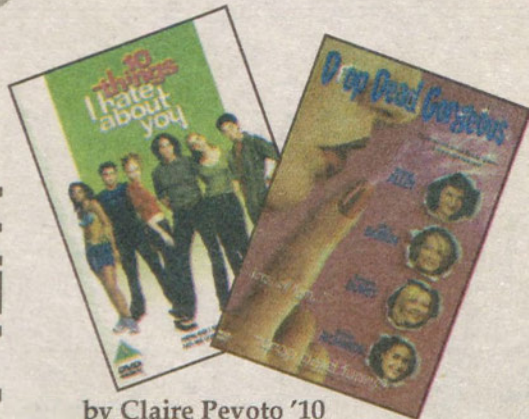
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"I'm home!"
-George Jetson



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THE NINETIES IN FILM



by Claire Pevoto '10
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Choosing five of the most noteworthy films of the 1990s may well be one of the most daunting tasks facing our time. Ask two people of our generation what their favorite movie from the 1980s is: if they are girls, you will probably hear *Sixteen Candles*; for guys, a safe bet would be *The Goonies*. Ask two people what their favorite movie from the 1990s was, and you will be hard-pressed to find the same answer. I won't assume that the following choices are the same as yours, but the following films have unquestionably left their mark in cinematic history.

Drop Dead Gorgeous

Drop Dead Gorgeous is not really the best comedy of the 1990s, but it is certainly one of the most underrated. The film is a "mockumentary" about a high school beauty pageant in small-town Minnesota. Although the context sounds squeaky-clean, the movie takes a dark twist when contestants start to literally die for the crown. Politically incorrect enough to make fun of everyone, the small-scale movie boasts a star-studded cast, including Kirsten Dunst, Brittany Murphy, Denise Richards, Kirstie Alley, and a then-unknown Amy Adams.

Braveheart

Although this masterpiece of that crazy Mel Gibson is almost too bloody to handle, the consequent queasiness is worth it for the incredible story. William Wallace (Gibson) leads an uprising of Scottish peasants against the violence and repression of an English king. A real hero, an oppressed people, and undying love all come together in glory to produce an all-too-epic three hours. More concerned about the authenticity of the film than celebrity appeal, Gibson did not hire a cast chock-full of American box office stars, but instead employed solid actors primarily from the UK. The film won five Academy Awards including Best Picture. With the flawless acting, incredible sets, and moving plot, it is easy to see why.

Beauty and the Beast

Another Best Picture nominee (the first animated film ever in the running for that title), *Beauty and the Beast* marks what some might call the "Golden Age" of Walt Disney films. While today's youngsters settle for eye-catching Pixar technology and innuendo-laden punch lines that only their parents can understand, we had it made with the slew of Disney movies coming out in the late '80s and early '90s—*The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*... ah, memories. *Beauty and the Beast* takes the cake out of these for its enchanting music, loveable household appliances-turned-characters, and for promoting a heroine who is selfless, smart, and sensible. *Beauty and the Beast* and the other Disney films of the time taught lessons that you just can't get from *Finding Nemo*, no matter how cute that film may be. Sigh.

10 Things I Hate About You

The '90s may have been the apex for teenage movies, some of which were genuinely funny—but you have to sift through the debris to identify the real treasures. *10 Things* is certainly one of the most clever, as it is based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, but sets the confusing love-pentagon in a modern-day high school. The movie can appeal to anyone, from independent-minded gals like Julia Stiles' character, Kat, to sweet but overly-sensitive guys like Joseph Gordon-Levitt's Cameron, to asocial-but deeply mysterious men like Heath Ledger's Patrick. *10 Things I Hate About You* had enough base humor to keep us entertained in junior high, and it has enough clever witticisms to attract us now.

The Thin Red Line

This movie deserves a place on the list because a) it was one of five movies directed by the legendary Terrence Malick over a span of 40 years, b) it has an exceptional cast including Sean Penn, Jim Caviezel, George Clooney, John Cusack, Nick Nolte, John Travolta, and more, and c) it says a lot about questions of freedom, ultimate happiness, and self-sacrifice that one would miss if only looking for the gory World War II fight scenes. Not to mention, it is simply a beautiful film. If the last time you saw *The Thin Red Line* was before you started Civ, watch it again with a new and more philosophical eye. It will be a totally different experience.



YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD TREASURES

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Ah, the '90s: the era of our youth that shaped us into the fine young college students we are today. Let's take a look back at some of the toys that helped us grow up, from improving our jumping motor skills to learning to cook dorm-worthy food.

Furby

The creepiest toy not only of the '90s, but probably of all time, Furby was a loveable (not) furry creature with huge blinking eyes that you always knew were watching you that would randomly speak phrases in the Furbish language. Also disturbing was how it was programmed to learn English by listening to the conversations around it (hence the ban of all Furbys at several intelligence agencies). Despite Furby's innately freaky nature, it was still the must-have toy for Christmas of '98.

Pokémon Cards

Admit it: you loved Pokémon. You collected the cards, watched the cartoon series, and played the game on your totally awesome Game Boy Advance. Who would have thought that playing cards with bizarre dinosaur-like creatures on them would become one of the biggest childhood obsessions of our time? At first it seemed a doable feat, to collect all 150 Pokémon cards from those foil packs they came in. But sooner or later good old capitalism kicked in and the manufacturers came up with a few hundred more. Gotta catch 'em all!

Tamagotchi

Remember when the most important thing in your life was keeping your Tamagotchi pet alive and happy, bouncing around attached to your beltloop? Those were the good old days. It was such a simple idea that it couldn't not be a hit with our younger selves: an egg-shaped digital pet that you got to feed, play with, and clean up after. It was so much easier and more fun than a real pet! You could take it to school and show it off to your friends, and if you forgot to feed it or let it get too smelly, no problem; that reset button was your best friend.

Skip-It

Though originally manufactured in the late '80s, Skip-It reached the height of its popularity in the early '90s after a counter was added on the Skip-It ball, designed to make sure your number of skips was impeccably accurate (so that brat of a neighbor of yours couldn't claim she was better than you... you had proof now!). Strategic advertising on Nickelodeon (remember the commercial jingle? "Skip-It, Skip-It!") also helped brainwash us into thinking that we just needed this circular object that spins around our foot to stay alive and hip during our young years.

Yo-Yos

The yo-yo experienced quite the revival with the onset of the '90s. Impressively standing the test of time, it was celebrated at various conventions and contests throughout the decade. To the delight of modern yo-yo fanatics, Duncan reintroduced the wooden Duncan Super Tournament yo-yo, a faithful reproduction of the 1955 model complete with the original "1955 Yo-Yo Trick Book." Spin away!

Easy-Bake Oven

I wish there was an Easy-Bake Oven: College Edition (I guess the undergraduate equivalent would be Easy Mac). Just add water to a delicious chocolate cake mix, shove it through the baking slot, and you're all set! In the '90s, Easy-Bake oven brought out the inner domestic gods and goddesses of many a youngster, whose parents might not have wanted their kids puttering around underfoot in the kitchen. Was the food gourmet? Hell no, it was more akin to flavored cardboard. But you made it, all on your own, and that's all that mattered!

Hungry Hungry Hippos

This was a game for those of us with the shortest of all attention spans, since it could be played in a frenetic flash of enthusiasm and energy. Just let those marbles out and go for it, desperately pushing down the hippo's tail and getting them to eat as many as possible. I don't know how well Hungry Hungry Hippos would have gone over in our current age of anti-obesity, but I do know it was good old fashioned gluttonous fun.



TELEVISION



by Catherine Northington '12
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Hey kiddies, it's time for a refresher course in awesome television. This week's theme: The nineties. Remember those glorious days of our naive, impressionable youth? The days where the most stressful part of your week was when recess was moved indoors? Well, now that we're crotchety old college students with Civ papers and chem labs, let's take a moment to backtrack into a simpler age, as we fondly recall the televised nostalgia that peppered our youth. The tube was amass with quality entertainment for those 10 or so years, and these are just a few of the highlights.

Animaniacs/Pinky and the Brain

Immature? At times. Genius? Always. This show is everything that a kids' show should be. Hilarious dialogue, catchy songs, educational themes, and stellar one-liners. For those of us who didn't have cable, this show was a precious Spielbergian treasure amid a sea of publicly-funded crap.

Freakazoid

While much in the same vein as *Animaniacs*, *Freakazoid* didn't reach the same heights of success as its counterpart. However, that doesn't reduce from the hilarity (and—I'll be honest—stupidity) of the show that made it so utterly engaging.

Legends of the Hidden Temple

Its name simply speaks for itself. I'm sure I wasn't the only one screaming at my television when the Purple Parrots were frantically—and fruitlessly—searching for the Jewel-Encrusted Egg of Catherine the Great. IT WAS ALWAYS RIGHT BEHIND THEM. You simply weren't a child of the '90s if you didn't dream of being on this show.

Boy Meets World

Back in its glory days, this show was one of the greatest on television. The middle school years were arguably the most hysterical, with the blooming relationship between Cory and Topanga, the fail-tastic foibles of Shawn and Eric...and who could ever forget that shrimpy poindexter Minkus?

Family Matters

Okay, not as acclaimed as *Full House*—but equally awesome. This was the highlight of every Friday night: the family clustered around the television at 7:00 p.m., waiting for ABC's kickass TGIF line-up to hit the screen. As soon as Urkel came onscreen and did something moronic like sitting in a birthday cake—you knew you were right at home.

Recess

This show was the cream of the Saturday-morning crop. I dreamt of someday going to Third Street Elementary School and joining in the backyard shenanigans of T.J., Vince, Spinelli, Gretchen, and Mikey. Every single Saturday, kids across America rose at 8:00 a.m. so they could cram in not only their weekly dose of *Recess*, but also five hours of other fabulous cartoons on ABC's *One Saturday Morning*. Another unforgettable highlight of *One Saturday Morning*: *Pepper Ann* (whose theme song still often plays in a loop in my head).

The Simpsons

Not quite a kids show, but it's a staple that many of us were raised on. Some readers may call farce on this particular '90s pick, as *The Simpsons* still airs to this day. Nope. As far as I'm concerned, the Simpsons stopped existing after Season 8. I can almost pinpoint the exact episode where the Simpsons started sucking. In my eyes, that qualifies it as a '90s show. And a great one, at that. Why, oh why, didn't they quit while they were ahead?

Bill Nye the Science Guy

At the risk of sounding cliché, this show makes learning fun. Bill Nye is perhaps one of the most lovable figures in television history. He's cute, he's huggable, he's funny. ... like Bob Saget, but without the racism. And if you're anything like me, then you had a massive crush on Bill Nye when you were seven years old. Regardless, to steal a word from Homer Simpson, the show revolutionized modern-day infotainment. And in the words of that oh-so-contagious theme song: science rules.

Honorable Mentions: It's almost a sacrilege to mention these shows only by name, but due to the nature of this publication I am limited to mentioning a very select few. Here are some more quality programs that you may recollect from our childhood: *Full House* (still quality entertainment to this day), *Doug*, *Wishbone*, *Ahhh! Real Monsters*, *Hey Arnold*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *Dinosaurs*, *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*, *Home Improvement*, *Are You Afraid of the Dark?*, *Powerpuff Girls*. (Feel free to add your own to this list.)

[A final note: For those of you interested in the more mature realms of comedy, two shows that I would be remiss to neglect are the timeless *Seinfeld* and the shamefully underrated *Freaks and Geeks* (directed by the famed Judd Apatow).]

PICKS OF THE '90S

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Film: Pulp Fiction Directed by Quentin Tarantino



I applaud innovation. This Quentin Tarantino brainchild is one of the essentials for each film collection. Every minute of this film is great, displaying the genius of a Tarantino production. It's funny, it's philosophical, it's deep, it has something for psychologists to analyze. Since it's not presented in a linear way, similar to *Citizen Kane*, you might see it a bunch of times but still not remember what happens next. It's like a book; you want to read it and pay attention to every moment, but you never want it to end. Tarantino's imagination gives the film the added sense of excellence. He takes conversation and puts it onscreen for something so incredibly philosophical and deep that you want to hear every word. I first saw the film when I was eight years old, and even up to now the film is still one of the greatest. It is a film that we will definitely be talking about for years to come. It's a modern-day classic.

Album: OK Computer Radiohead Parlophone Records

Considered one of the greatest albums of all time, Radiohead's third studio album solidified the Oxfordshire band as international rock/alternative superstars. The entire album has ambient sounds mixed with incredible lyrics. It's the type of thing a misanthrope like me would listen to on any given day. Everything about the album is damn-near perfect. With popular hits such as "Paranoid Android" and "Karma Police" how could one not add this to their iPhone playlist? The truth is, no music library can possibly be complete without this gorgeous album. The lyrics spread common themes about sticking it to the man and lonely paranoia, as well as expressing the feeling of malaise in the modern society. Besides all of that, *OK Computer* laid the groundwork for the modern experimental rock that Radiohead made with *Kid A*, *Amnesiac*, *Hail to the Thief*, and *In Rainbows*.



TV Show: Rocko's Modern Life

We may have been too young to get the reference, but any Nickelodeon television show that names a restaurant "Chokey Chicken" and can get away with it deserves an award. Even that, however, is just one of many sexual innuendos that were probably way too inappropriate for children watching Nickelodeon. In addition, every character in *Rocko* had something uniquely strange, much like all of us. There was Heffer Wolfe, who was a cow, err, excuse me, a steer. There was also Filbert, who was 'nauseous' every time he encounter some mundane situation. He even said 'fish sticks' before 'fish sticks' was popular (hehe, fish sticks). Also, ladies, how could you not fall in love with Rocko? The boy was head over heels for a girl whose face you never saw. Talk about a guy who isn't shallow. This guy would make a better mate than that guy you met at Clubbies.



Beer of the Week

Wolaver's Oatmeal Stout

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These mid-September days have been bright and sunny, but as the nights grow chillier, it's about time to say goodbye to the light beers of summer and spend your evening enjoying a heartier brew. Wolaver's Oatmeal Stout is a smooth, satisfying beer from Middlebury, Vt., where they know how to keep warm. The velvety stout makes for an attractive pint with a black body and a thick, creamy head. But it's not just a looker; it incorporates elements of coffee and chocolate alongside its rolled oats and wheat. The flavors are not overstated, allowing the beer to be, first and foremost, a beer. The smooth, consistent taste is a pleasure, and although it will certainly fill you up like any good stout should, it is not syrupy or heavy enough to weigh you down. You can also feel good about the production of Wolaver's beers since the company is among the first certified organic breweries in the country, and promotes a sustainable lifestyle along with its beverages. Wolaver's also claims that it supports a local economy in the purchase of both beer ingredients and brewing materials. This is certainly not the kind of beer you can pound at a party, but as the colder autumn air leads us inside for coziness and conversation, Wolaver's Oatmeal Stout can be a delicious part of any beer-lover's evening.



More Mayhem, Less Minelli

Cabaret Hits The Rep

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Opening night of *Cabaret* at the Trinity Repertory Company was a night full of great music, liberating relationships, smoldering sexuality, and life at the edge of uncertain change. *Cabaret* was written in 1966 by Joe Masteroff, Fred Ebb, and John Kander. The play is about Germany as the Nazi party gains momentum, and follows the story of an American writing a book in Berlin.

The show belonged to two characters: Rachel Warren as Sally Bowles and Joe Wilson, Jr. as the Emcee. Out of everything I have seen her in, Warren has finally found a role at which she can excel. Warren brought a wonderful and jaded venerability to the role that we could see in her disagreements with her live-in boyfriend, Clifford Bradshaw (Mauro Hantman). In a cast with limited vocal ability, it was a pleasure to listen to Warren sing; her rendition of the song "Cabaret" brought the house down.

Every time I have seen Wilson perform, he has been the strong, virile male. In this show, he was a hilarious effeminate master of ceremonies, who between his cross dressing and hilarious sex jokes kept the audience thoroughly entertained. Two notable songs by Wilson were "The Money Song" and "If You Could See Her."

In "Money," Wilson and the ensemble members each sit in their own black chair, each in a slanted square pool of light. As the song progresses, more and more chairs disappear and they must fight for the remaining chairs. Wilson complemented the natural tension in the song to keep the audience enthralled. In "If You Could See Her," Wilson waltzes with, and introduces the audience to, his girlfriend the gorilla. While they waltz, he describes how wonderful she is but complains how no one accepts her. The song ends with his girlfriend crawling into a cage and being locked inside. A very obvious, in your face metaphor, but chilling and effective nonetheless.

The side plot to the show was a doomed love story between the Jewish Herr Schultz, played by Stephen Berenson, and Fräulein Schneider, played by Phyllis Kay. Kay lent her so-so voice to several so-so songs that helped progress the plot and give us a feeling of the helplessness of someone unable to affect the political tides. Berenson as her partner was a delight. He was as charming in his role as he was vocally talented and shared a very cute song about an ugly little boy with the guests at his engagement party. It is in his character that the audience feels the affect of the Nazi party.

Cabaret is playing at the Trinity Repertory Company through Oct. 11, definitely worth the \$10 bench seats.

Providence After Dark

The PC Student's Trusty Guide To Area Bars, Clubs, and Pubs

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To start off the year, I would like to hit you with a shocking cold-hard truth: Students at Providence College drink at off-campus bars. Now that I have your attention with that ground-breaking remark, I would like to divulge my knowledge of the bar scene around the campus area, as I am 21 and can do so. I'd like to present them in the form of superlatives, so enjoy...

Easiest place to "hook up" with little to no effort

Club Eagles Dance Floor (Clubbie's): Alcohol + Dancing = Hookup

Most likely to reject you

Elmhurst Pub: They scan your license and still don't even believe it's you.

Best place to escape meaningless modern song lyrics

Louie's: Billy Joel, Eddie Money, Bryan Adams, Bruce Springsteen...this cyclical montage of relative oldies-but-goodies will have you saying years from now, "yep, that's a Louie's song."

The dark horse/sleeper

McPhail's: On a campus that seemingly wants alcohol to be uninvented (yeah, I made up a word), some of the best opportunities for various theme parties come from our very own campus bar.

Most likely to stand in one spot the longest

Danny's: The recent boom of PC students here plus the little to no seating options make this place a cheap but very trying experience.

Best advertising ploy

Fishing Company: Paying \$1 for a Corona on Thursday nights sounds great until you realize it started at happy hour and they only actually had a 12-pack to hand out. Don't worry; they have plenty of overpriced draft options left to keep your buzz going.

Biggest hit or miss

Old's: Seriously, one night you literally can't move and spend the majority of the night just trying to attract the attention of anyone or anything that moves on the other side of the bar. Other nights you and a group of friends are running the place while re-enacting the "Shout" scene from *National Lampoon's Animal House*.

Greatest opportunity to expand your horizons

Café Four Twelve: Yes, there are beers in the world other than Coors, Budweiser, and Miller, and this is the place to give them all a shot, or (dare I say?), try a glass of foreign wine.

Everybody Hates Kanye

Seriously.

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5. "Do you like fishsticks? Yeah, I like fishsticks. What are you? A gay fish?" The egomaniacal rapper, who believes that the joke is truly about him and only him, thought people were unjustly calling him a gay fish. Cartman and Jimmy "got him good" as Kanye has said, and he admitted he needed to work on his ego. Come on, we all know Kanye, and we all know he has not changed.

4. Again, we are working with Kanye's ego here as we judge his portrayal of Jesus on the cover of *Rolling Stone Magazine* in 2006. It's all good and cool to have a risqué picture for your magazine cover, but man, he took it too far. You can believe you are our Savior all you want Kanye, but get over yourself!

3. The most recent mess-up for Kanye was talked about all over Facebook statuses everywhere. I didn't watch MTV's Video Music Awards, but every single one of my Facebook buddies was sure to let me know what happened as my news feed was cluttered with "I hate Kanye West" announcements (some people were more vulgar and loathing with their acclamations). Kanye disrespected Taylor Swift, and I can't decide yet if she deserved it or not, but whatever, he was wrong to do that.

2. People are really upset about the mishap with the country singer, but Kanye's first award show meltdown is for the record-books. At the MTV Euro Music Awards in 2006, he lost Best Video to Justice and Simian and took the stage (and yes, again, took the microphone from the winners' hands) and stated that he should have won; his exact justification was that "it cost a million dollars, and Pamela Anderson was in it!"

1. Who could forget the moment we all realized Kanye has a big mouth and he doesn't know when to keep it shut. During the 2005 Katrina Benefit Special, he blurted out the famous line, "George Bush doesn't care about black people," while standing next to a shocked and confused Mike Myers. This created a lot of controversies, but most of all it opened up our eyes to how big of a tool Kanye West truly is.



The Ultimate Fighter 10

The Heaviest Season Ever

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All mixed martial arts fans unite! The day has finally arrived; the new season of *The Ultimate Fighter* is here and better than ever. The UFC competition is back on SpikeTV (on Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m.), making almost a quarter of their programs MMA-related, and receiving better and better ratings as the sport keeps growing.

It is thought that MMA will soon become one of the most popular sports in the world, their Pay-Per-View sales grew by 47 percent in 2003, 189 percent in 2005, and 352 percent in 2006. The sport is growing, and Spike is leading the pack as they run most UFC shows on television, but other famous networks like Fox, ESPN, and NBC are starting to take part in the showings.

The Ultimate Fighter 10 features all heavyweight fighters (206 lbs. to 265 lbs.) as they fight their way to the final match, which decides if they have what it takes to make it into the UFC and receive a six-figure contract from president Dana White.

In the past, the winners of these competitions have done exceptionally well in the sport, and most have become well known in the MMA community. Previous winners who are big names in the sport include Forrest Griffin, Joe Stevenson, Michael Bisping, Matt Serra, Nate Diaz, and Rashad Evans, who has become one of the coaches of this new season. Out of these winners, Serra, Griffin, and Evans have even gone on to win the championship belts for their weight classes.

This year's coaches include aforementioned Rashad "Suga" Evans and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. These two fighters have a lot of history together, but never inside the ring, just trash talking and almost brawling outside the ring on various occasions. Evans was born in New York and fights out of New Mexico, while Rampage is from Tennessee and fights out of California. Both fighters are great strikers (which you have to be as a heavyweight), both quick and powerful, but their coaching



shows their other abilities to their students. Evans has great takedown power and takedown defense, which made his team picks more wrestling-focused. Rampage went with the more physical look and grabbed the biggest, toughest-looking fighters he could. This approach isn't a good one for Rampage, as he is already being seen as a horrible coach.

Fighters to look out for this season include NFL players Marcus Jones, Matt Mitrione, and Wes Shivers, who are all humongous human beings and definitely tough enough to compete with the big names of the UFC. We also get to see Roy "Big Country" Nelson fight again, as he fought in many bouts for the IFL, a lesser-known MMA league, and was even their heavyweight champion before the league failed and got disbanded.

Last, but not certainly not least, we have Kevin Ferguson, better known as Kimbo Slice. The YouTube sensation was finally allowed to attempt to join the UFC, even after the many times that Dana White has publicly bashed him and his famous status. Kimbo became a big name from his street fighting videos on the internet, but thoughts on his ability to succeed in the UFC are

pretty 50-50; half the people think he doesn't have what it takes to compete against real, trained fighters, and the other half believe that he was born to fight and beat up people.

The season started last Wednesday, Sept. 16, and there was no lack of excitement with the first episode. The coaches have already begun to bicker, fight, and talk trash, while the contestants are working hard to show they have what it takes. Every episode ends with a fight challenge, and everyone was aching to see Kimbo fight since he had a target on his back from the second he walked into the competition, but John Madsen and Abe Wagner were chosen. It was a very one-sided fight, as most of it was spent with Madsen on top of Wagner, pounding away with elbows and fists to the head. Dana White commented that it was the bloodiest *Ultimate Fighter* battle he has ever seen, and that's an understatement. Madsen and Wagner both came out covered in blood from a gash on Wagner's forehead. Rampage took the most bashing, since he created a horrible match up for his teammate, but in the end, Evan's team came out on top. It seems like that's how most of the season will be.

MEET THE FIGHTERS

Zak Jensen: 6'4", 265 lbs., former college football player, competed in "Tough Man" and Golden Gloves competitions and started training MMA in 2007.

Marcus Jones: 6'6", 260 lbs., ACC Defensive Player of the Year and All-American football player at UNC, and 1996 NFL first round draft pick. Played eight years in the NFL before moving to MMA.

Scott Junk: 6'1", 265 lbs., made his way into the UFC in 2007, lost only fight and is not trying to make his way back in.

John Madsen: 6', 240 lbs., all-conference and all-state in football, wrestling, and track. Is now training with former UFC champion Matt Hughes.

James McSweeney: 6'4", 230 lbs., been training kickboxing since six years old in Thailand, and was former roommate of coach Rashad Evans.

Matt Mitrione: 6'3", 275 lbs., earned All-Big Ten honors in college, played six seasons for the New York Giants and Minnesota Vikings.

Roy Nelson: 6'1", 265 lbs., was heavyweight champ for the now-defunct IFL, a different MMA league.

Demico Rogers: 6'4", 235 lbs., won local jiu-jitsu tournament and decided to pursue a career with MMA.

Brendan Schaub: 6'4", 240 lbs., played in the Arena Football League and for the Buffalo Bills' practice squad.

Darill Schoonover: 6'2", 250 lbs., trained jiu-jitsu since the age of 17, and served two years in the armed forces.

Wes Shivers: 6'7", 285 lbs., played for both the Tennessee Titans and Atlanta Falcons, and trained with UFC veteran Alan Belcher.

Wes Sims: 6'10", 260 lbs., was about to take up professional wrestling until UFC Hall of Famer Mark Coleman convinced him to take a shot at MMA. Had two fights in the UFC, but lost both, and is trying to get back into the league.

Kevin Ferguson: 6'1", 235 lbs., better known as "Kimbo Slice," is a YouTube sensation with many of his street fights making him famous. Played football at University of Miami and fought for the EliteXC with a record of 3-1.

Abe Wagner: 6'4", 265 lbs., played linebacker at Michigan Tech University, and began training MMA in 2005.

Mike Wessel: 6', 255 lbs., played college football and briefly played in the Arena Football League. Also had one fight in the UFC, earning a defeat in December of 2008.

Justin Wren: 6'3", 264 lbs., two-time national high school wrestling champ, focused on MMA after he received an injury while wrestling at Iowa State. He trains with Ultimate Fighter 4 champion Travis Lutter.

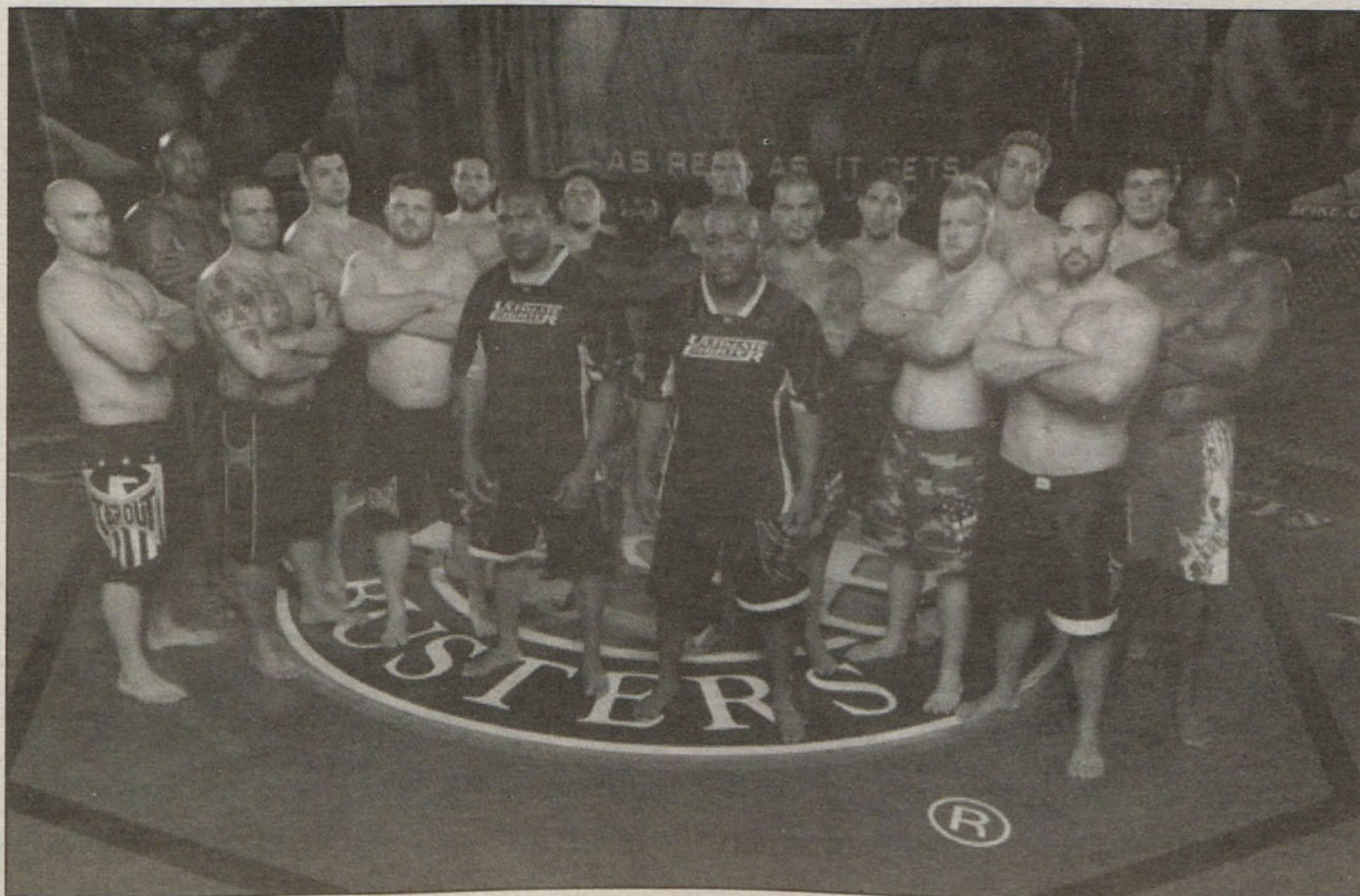


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Providence on Two Wheels

Buy Yourself a Bike and Go Ride It

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Providence is a small town with a lot of big infrastructure problems, the biggest of which is our sorry excuse for a public transit system, the RIPTA. It's slow, shows up any time other than on time, and is generally so over laden on a Saturday afternoon that a trip to the mall could very well end up with a mangled sardine can of corpses sliding slowly down Gaspee Street to fiery doom! Melodramatic language maybe, but the point remains true; the RIPTA really does suck. And your best alternative really is a bike.

Sure, they will require you to burn more calories to get where you're going, but think about the time-saving advantages that you'll gain by combining your workout with your shopping. And who ever heard of taking the RIPTA to class? Take it for short trips, too; when you're off to the market, the off-campus bookstore, or the bakery for a fresh baguette and the "packie" for a bottle of wine, then ride back in Parisian style.

If I've sold you on the idea in a mere 165 words, and I hope I have, it's time to choose your ride. And that can take a while. How do you decide between touring, track, single speed, BMX, racing, mountain, cruising, or an old school penny-farthing for its big front wheel panache?

Most people choose rugged and cheap aluminum-frame mountain bikes primarily because of their abundance and the idea that all the suspension elements and knobby tires will provide a comfy ride and better foul weather handling. But any complicated, major, moving part on your bicycle will break and be expensive and inconvenient to repair. And as for foul weather riding,

we both know you're not riding in the driving rain or snow. Mountain bikes are good for mountain riding. If you ride on the road, buy a bike that is designed for the road. Racing and touring bicycles offer good road geometry, with the latter providing a more upright riding position. But both offer lots of gears that make climbing hills a breeze.

"But Chris," you ask, "what if I want to suffer for utilitarian fashion and really get a workout in the process?" Well kids, then the only bike for you is a single speed. Just think back to those untainted days of your youth...when you had only one gear and loved it. When you used to stand up and mash those pedals to go fast, as fast as you could; then tried to leave the biggest skid on the street in front of your house to let the other kids on the block know who was boss. But you got older and caught up in the status appeal of having multiple speeds and newer cars because, well, they're easier to have sex in. But wouldn't it be nice to have that same feeling again (the childhood one, I mean)?

A single speed bicycle is just that, the bicycle of your youth, more or less. Some people prefer to build them from track bikes, but the geometry makes them uncomfortable for road use. So most people, like myself, build them from vintage road frames. They're cheap and durable. And you can paint them all sorts of fancy colors and get bright, coordinated accessories. They're fast, fun, and will help you shed pounds like magic. But some people prefer to go even more extreme and ride fixed gear.

A fixed gear, or "fixie," is the "hipster bike" *du jour*. The thing that separates these bikes from their single speed cousins is the fixed hub, which



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Make your way around town in style (and maintain a kickin' figure at the same time) with a bicycle like this one.

means if those wheels are rolling, the pedals are moving; no coasting allowed. Some people find this feeling freeing because it makes them more connected to their bicycle. The fact is that they are dangerous on the road for inexperienced riders, and the hipster conceit surrounding them is enough to put you off anyway. One thing is certain though; if those hipster kids actually rode their bikes as often as they admire them, their legs would be so muscular they could never again butter themselves into a pair of black skinny jeans.

In short, "fixies" look Spartan and cool, but try to resist buying one, unless you have an insatiable thirst for Pabst and your favorite band is "sooo indie."

There are plenty of places in town to get bikes for cheap, like the Salvation Army on Pitman Street. And you can always scour eBay and finally give the people in the mailroom something heavy to lift. Or you can buy new, but beware of the absurd expense of bicycles these days. If you are a wrench turner you can keep costs lower by building from scavenged parts or fixing up something you pulled out of a dumpster. But the most economical way by far is finding a hidden jewel sitting in your basement or hanging in your garage. Maybe an aunt or uncle has something soulful and Italian that they are willing to part with. Make a couple of calls to mom and dad and try to uncover a hidden jewel. Put in a little TLC. And put on a helmet. Then ride.

"Out of all those millions and millions of planets floating around there in space, this is our planet, this is our little one, so we just got to be aware of it and take care of it." ~ Paul McCartney

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September 28 - October 1, 2009

• **On September 28**, Claire Pevoto '10 of Austin, Texas, and Elizabeth Weber '10 will give a presentation on their summertime experiences abroad as the first recipients of the Father Philip A. Smith, O.P. Student Fellowships for Study and Service Abroad. The presentation will take place at noon in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies (CCDS) on campus. The event is hosted by the Office of Mission and Ministry and co-sponsored by the CIS.

Pevoto and Weber also will give a presentation on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the CCDS for students interested in applying for Summer 2010.

At 3:00 p.m., in Albertus Magnus Hall (Room 137), the Danish Institute for Study Abroad will host an information session for students in the premedical sciences and health professions track. The session will outline study programs in Copenhagen that center on biotechnology and biomedicine, medical practice and policy, HIV/AIDS in Europe, and public health.

At 4:00 p.m., in Slavin G01 (Soft Lounge), the PC International Student Organization will host "Crossing Borders: The International Student Experience." The session will feature stories, cultural lessons, and activities aimed at enhancing a better understanding of cultural differences and identities.

• **On September 29**, Dr. Nicholas V. Longo, assistant professor of public and community service studies and director of the Global Studies Program, will host a "brown bag" luncheon for faculty to learn about how to incorporate an international component and short study abroad trip into their curriculum. The event will be held in Slavin G01 (Soft Lounge) at noon, and is intended for faculty interested in developing courses with an embedded international experience.

At 6:00 p.m., the second annual PC Student Study Abroad Fair will be held in Slavin Center '64 Hall. Program representatives from the numerous study abroad programs offered through PC—many of which include service-learning opportunities—will be on hand.

• **On September 30**, at noon, the CCDS and CIS will co-sponsor "Learning from the Holocaust: Teaching Values in Study Abroad." Dr. John Heyl, vice president for global education with Cultural Experiences Abroad, will lead the lecture in the CCDS.

Also at noon, John Normamaker, executive director for career services, and Dr. Michael J. O'Neill, assistant professor of philosophy and newly appointed PC Fellowships Coordinator, will lead a discussion on international opportunities for employment, teaching, internship and fellowship opportunities abroad for post-graduates in the Slavin Center (Room 110).

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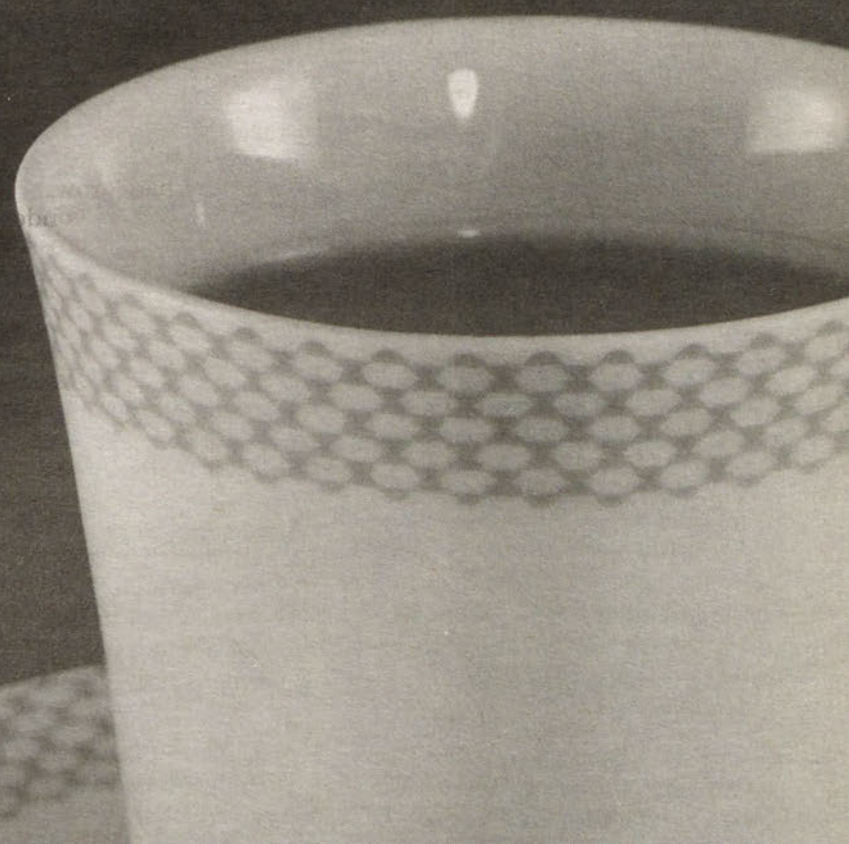
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The Reflection in the Window

by **Conor Leary '11**
Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

Leslie learned the lesson that gossip can destroy people too late. Little girls were not exempt from bullying, for they possessed this power of taboo, which they only mastered as they matured. Boys hit puberty and discovered the strength and destructiveness of testosterone. Little girls became "mature" and the wicked tactics of verbal warfare strengthened their wicked destruction.

Leslie had never been a strong child, but when she grew into a teenager, she struck the faithful chord that would make her stronger and even more destructive than testosterone could make any boy: She became attractive. She followed the stereotypical pathway through her early life, acquiring popularity through known fashions, inspired by the ability to promote her exterior beauty.

Once her radiance had settled in, she had forgotten that she could look inside herself. She could peer through the cosmetics she applied in the school bathrooms, the eyeliner illuminating the flecks of hazel in her eyes that didn't really exist and the kissable gloss she painted her lips with every five minutes. She forgot that every human had the ability to see beyond their own two eyes and see how rotten they had become. They were allowed to know when they had begun to decompose before they were trapped inside terrestrial coffins. She could have seen the degradation of her soul in the slightest dimness of her gaze. But with another touch of mascara, it was brightened away.

Leslie had inherited the gift of gossip from head cheerleaders and homecoming queens who had dominated the savage kingdom of high school. She became royalty by collecting the words uttered by others and sending her minions to scour the hallways like wicked harpies. Her propaganda flourished. They feasted on humiliation and embarrassment, absorbing it through keen and deceptive measures before releasing it for the world to hear. When they laughed, everyone heard. Those they laughed at knew from the pointing. Everyone would be cackling around

them like a demonic choir. They would be surrounded by their humiliation, by the secret they had tried to preserve and did not even know until they tried to join in the laughter. They would find it impossible, knowing that fingers jabbed at them through the air and tearing eyes marked them like sharpshooting lasers. No chuckle was possible. It was unnatural to laugh when the thing everyone was laughing at was you.

Leslie knew something. She knew something about him. She used to be friends with him. They lived

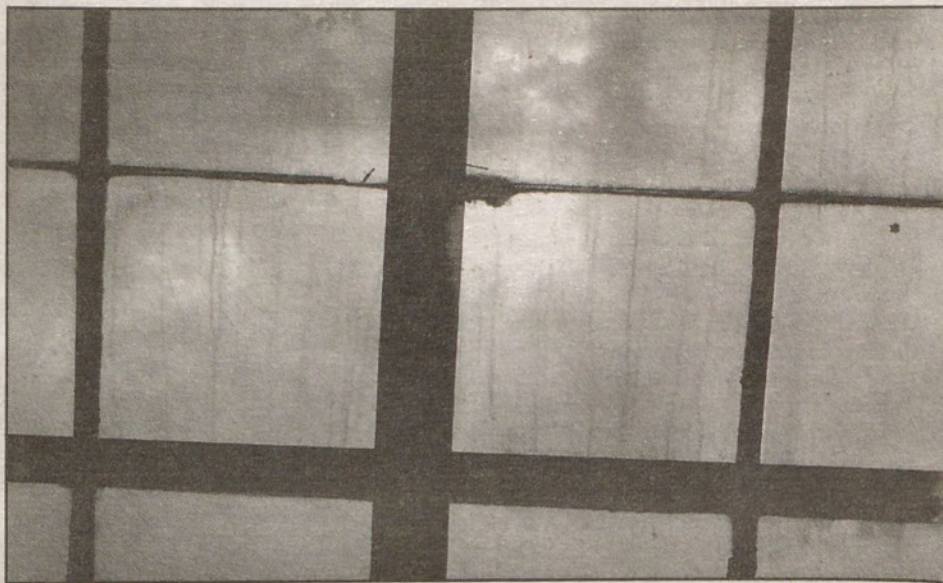


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next door to one another, just over a white picket fence. A glance from her bedroom led into his. Her friends, the harpies who were always enamored by passion and lust as much as the embarrassment of others, huddled together at certain hours of the day when he would be in his room.

The highlights they waited for were the languid moments when he would sit at his desk, ignoring homework like a seductive rebel, with a guitar huddled in his lap, stroking the wires the harpies swooned to be. Quicker times were nabbed especially by Leslie, who sat at the windowsill "reading before bed" to watch him toss off his shirt. He had grown over the years they had grown apart and for the better. Leslie wondered why their circles had never crossed, but he was a musician, an outcast, a loner, and in the collective mind of her pep rally sisterhood, a loser.

She discovered alone one night the fragile secret that would teach her the gravest lesson. She discovered the inspiration of his chosen hermitage from high school society and why he chose to conceal his musical talent that could easily serenade him into any miniskirt.

Her neighbors' house was completely dark. She had watched the adults leave for some event with children behind them. Her assigned reading seemed to entertain her until the slightest distraction caught her eye. The softest flicker, the faintest light brought lips

against lips across the electric wire running from her house to his. The darkness held him and he succumbed to his compelling secret. Leslie stifled her shock. She fell off her windowsill, seeking cover. She wanted to laugh and felt the commonplace humor she found in any gossip she could gather rising.

But it never came. She felt the laughter fall away. Her eyes fell on the pink blanket covering her bed. She imagined he would tear it out from beneath her once she had brought him into his rightful spot in her society, the pauper turned king. She dreamt how he kissed. He had been her own secret, the private fantasy she refrained from revealing to her friends. They lusted for him, but it would be a humiliating affair for any cheerleader to seduce the loner. It was one of the only things she kept in her heart. She grew angry and her cry for vengeance alerted her harpy companions like a dog whistle's silent

scream. Her silence, her simmering heart, and her scheming mind gave the two young men in the other window a night's peace.

The next day, Leslie waited in the cafeteria upon her throne, her back inclined against her dim quarterback suitor as most of the harpies sat at her feet. Two flounced in to alert their queen that her sacrifice had arrived. Absolute silence descended and slapped the loner with whiplash. He glared at their configuration; the court achieving complete assembly once the look-out twins had strode into place. The queen spoke out, decreeing with political malice the crucial gossip she'd been harboring. It was suspended in the silence before the guillotine was released. Laughter sliced after the loner to rid him of his sanity and his little reputation. He never made the attempt to laugh. He looked around at the pointing fingers and the gleeful eyes. Leslie stood to welcome her victory, absorbing the command her single statement had produced. Her dominion grew with every moment the lunchroom rang with her gossip. She waited for the break, the small crack in his mouth that would be the fruitless debate against the "lie" or the attempt to shove the rumor at someone else in the room with his own chuckle. It did not come.

The loner looked straight at her. His eyes were damp. She saw in the darkness of his stare what she had seen that night, the secret. But she could not hear the laughter bombarding him, ordered by her command. She heard something breaking. She saw in his eyes what she had seen in her window, the depravity, the nausea, and the traumatic vision. For the seconds the queen was linked to the pitiful dissenter, she recognized the passion he'd experienced. She envied it. He would never deny it even as she condemned him to exile. He left the school behind. Her rumor was the only thing the students could talk about. His departure solidified it. The queen had spoken the truest rumor. She was praised until she reached her home.

The window was now a looking glass. Her soul peered back at her, revealed, putrid, and decomposing. It pleaded for the immorality to stop. She waited and cried for forgiveness.

On Back Roads & Rock Classics

by **Daniel James '11**
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FICTION

Sometimes I think I was born in the wrong generation.

This is the thought that runs through my mind as the August wind whips into the car that is barreling down the back roads towards Route 9 on a Tuesday afternoon. My mom is driving us on a routine trip to Marshalls, T.J. Maxx, and Barnes & Noble because I need to buy some new clothes and books for school.

Black Sabbath is blaring through her car speakers because she used to listen to them and was dumbfounded at the fact that I actually appreciate their music. Just as the opening riff to "Paranoid" comes up on shuffle and she's talking to me about the first time she heard this song, I start to think that maybe I was born in the wrong generation.

For starters, the music was so much better in just about every decade before my own. I'm tired of hearing repetitious themes in hip hop, just as everyone else is getting bored with the generic, uninspired rock albums that have been infiltrating the airwaves like

“FOR STARTERS, THE MUSIC WAS SO MUCH BETTER IN JUST ABOUT EVERY DECADE BEFORE MY OWN”

a sign of Revelations for quality music. Every artist I would want to hear play is now either resting in their grave or no longer touring. I'm left with, at best, second-rate narcissism that plays like a 14-year-old boy's mixtape of puberty and hormones, rather than something intelligent and enjoyable.

"Talk to me," my mom encourages. "You look like you have something on your mind."

I glance over at her. At 53, she looks exactly like she did at 33. Her face has yet to develop a single wrinkle, and her golden blond hair shimmers

in the sunlight seeping in through the window. She has not put on a single pound, despite birthing me 21 years ago and my brother two years afterwards. Even her skin looks clean, either lacking or hiding any sign of deterioration. She's The Grateful

Dead's *American Beauty*. She's every Rolling Stones album I've ever had the blessing of hearing. She's *Abbey Road*. My mother is *Dark Side of the Moon*. Do I have to spell it out?

If this were any other decade I would have to talk. My dad would probably be there too, in a much more intimidating setting where I would be sitting in the back seat and the two of them would be towering over me, demanding the answers that I would be terrified to give. They'd probably call me the bastard child and the one that they screwed up on for the things

I've done. I wouldn't blame them, and I'd probably sob quietly to myself while a battalion of disappointing and angry words charged their way through my soul and massacred my humanity.

But this is the new generation. This is the new day. They would tell me they loved me. They would offer to get me help. They would support me. My family would listen to my monumental and life-destroying problems with empathetic ears in any given setting. There would be no removal of kinship. They would try to save me, even though I'm probably not worth the effort of being saved.

I'm circling the drain; a lost soul waiting to drown. I'll fade to black sooner or later, so why fight it?

I change the album to *40 Licks*. The opening guitar riff of "Gimme Shelter" by Keith Richards does little to help. I tell her nothing is wrong. We merge onto Route 9.

The Aquarium Conundrum and Paninis

by Lindsay Wengloski '10
Portfolio Staff

ESSAY

We were clustered into a booth in Panera and he was talking about medical school again. More specifically, he was talking about all the different entrance tests there were, depending on which branch of medicine he wanted to go into.

Apparently I, our trio's token liberal arts kid, had it way easier than I thought.

I was trying hard not to zone out, not simply because the subject he was beating into a bloody pulp had percolated into every latte and panini we'd consumed since last January. I had concluded many coffees ago that he'd wind up taking (at the very least) the entry exam for medical school, whatever test it was you had to take to become a pharmacist, and naturally the GRE (for good measure). After reaching the realization that he'd be spending more money on Scantron tests in the next year than is reasonably healthy, I tried not to think too much about the details.

No, instead of brooding over grad schools ("Why do I have to take two social science courses anyways?"), I was distracted by the people-watching prospects flitting through the restaurant: the high-schoolers, bedecked in their plaid tunic-shirts, giddy from skipping the first day of school; the tired middle-aged sons and daughters slouched back in their booths, watching with full and wrinkled faces as their wobbly parents braved the dangers of French onion soup, spoon teetering dangerously over their soft cotton shirts; the smug military contractors midway between

the Navy base and their overlords inside the D.C. beltway; and us, I'm sure, to the rest of the diners:

A diffident, pale girl in cowboy boots and a green frog t-shirt. An Asian guy with wispy hair, braces, and an accompanying lisp when his musings on graduate school got particularly worrisome. And a brunette-blonde with strange clothing and an even stranger messenger bag, stabbing the lemon in her lemonade with detached pensiveness.

I found it amusing that he didn't realize how annoyed she was by the conversation.

"I would *never* work as a manager at Target." He tossed a dirtied fork on top of his lettuce.

She shrugged, crumpled her napkin. "If it pays the bills."

"It'd be boring. And minimum wage." Having been on the government payroll for years, the prospect displeased him.

"If it pays the bills."

Somewhere along the line, he had missed the subtle but important detail that she was feverishly searching for a job to pay her student loans. There were no offers worth accepting. There were complications. She was entering a narrow field. It would take time. She wasn't like him—looking at the future, job offers already lined up, no worries about tuition debt or heavy life-decisions. Life stuck out its foot and tripped her. She understood the manager at Target. She looked down at her sandwich and snapped her straw in half.

On the ride home, she brought up a couple we had both known in high school. He was still in the back, talking about the Who's Who of our small county—who was pregnant, who got married, who

was in prison, who actually *made* it and had firm plans of walking in May with the degree they wanted and a life they were willing to work for. He looked through the gossamer crowd of What-I'd-Really-Likes, the Someday-Maybes, the Taking-It-Slows, the Family-Problems. It wasn't elitism. It wasn't cruelty. He wouldn't have known what to look for in them, what potential they had. She did.

She turned to me, ignoring the chatter from the backseat. "Thomas mentioned he saw you the other day at the grocery store."

"I was thrilled to see him! How's he doing?"

She ignored my question. "He was embarrassed you saw him there."

I blinked, watching the road for potholes. I had always seen going to the grocery store as a sort of existential

safari—making small talk with people I once knew, silently noting how very different our lives had become. I never thought they dreaded the collegiate interlopers, the returning reminders of guidance-counselor optimism and silly expectations of perfectly linear lives.

I hated the thought of perfectly manicured career trajectories, of two children (avoiding the lonely only child syndrome and that pesky middle-child conundrum that comes in threes) of entitlement. I could only imagine, now that she was forcing me to think about it, how they felt, seeing college hoodies and hearing ninnies *complaining* about the difficulties of getting up in time for—ugghh—class.

"He was embarrassed that you saw him there."

Of course he was. I should have known.



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The Sensualists Escape to Sea

by Bobby Bretz '12
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I could not love with a god-headed love
Though I did sincerely try
As we spritely young doves gave our timeship a shove
From the harbor, and also the lie

From these happier shores we did hurry to wait
For we drifters cannot be delayed
And we carried the plate for the lost and the late
Though the silver was all but decayed

And how blinded and bold was our ship as it rolled
Through the arms of the shades of the mist
So we've hocked and we've sold all the sense we've been told
Now how languid and lazy we list

Grind and grumble the guns on our sloop's quiet run
As your eyes gather ghostly gray light
For we've since been shunned by the Sargasso sun
And the sea birds are nowhere in sight

But the billowing sails and the harrowing hail
Remind us that we're still alive
And we'll ripen or stale through this Ragnarök gale
To find out on the opposite side

And I shall sleep a surrogate sleep
For the weary in this hell
And you'll weep a brackish ocean deep
To the bowman's briny knell

And we'll wait for a wind that could scarcely heal
Or a sign from the powers that be
Till we fickle fools feel we've a strong, steady keel
And the nudge of a following sea.

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Providence Cycle 2: Irregular Orbit

by Kaly Thayer '10
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FICTION

"Owl!"

The instantly heated coffee spilled all over Richard-0506's hand as he dropped the psuedo-ceramic mug. Something had startled him, but he couldn't quite recall what.

Laura-3459 put her hand on his shoulder. "Dick, you ok?"

Dick shook his head. "Yeah, I just—" He blinked a few times. His kitchen-unit came back into focus.

Everything was white. At first, this struck him as odd: the floors were tiled in white, the walls were panelled in white LEDs waiting for instructions on the day's display, and white light emanated from the ceiling. He shook his head to clear it, but couldn't seem to get a strange memory of rum-running and bartending out of his mind.

"Cheer, display 'Beaches' sequence," Laura said, speaking to the walls.

A soft female voice replied, "Displaying sequence. Run time on screen, five hour cycle." The walls suddenly changed from soft white to huge, panoramic scenes of tropical beaches. The white light coming from the ceiling turned golden. At eye level, the computer displayed the date and time, as well as Dick's and Laura's schedules for the day. Dick blinked again.

"That better?" Laura asked.

"Yeah, I...Laur, you were saying something, something about things being wrong. What kind of wrong?"

"What?"

Laura's chameleon vest changed colors from a blue and turquoise that blended in with the tropical scenes on the walls to a purple and green argyle, adapting to the delicate changes in her body temperature that came with curiosity.

"I think I just had a strange dream, Dick. We were all living in this weird Prohibition-age world, and this place was a speak-easy. It was a pretty weird dream, but just a dream. Are you sure you're going to be okay?"

Dick nodded. "Yeah, I'll be fine. I have to go to the Shanley-droid's

presentation on 'Applications of Thomas Aquinas in the 23rd Century' this morning. Will you be there?"

A long-deceased president of the College had made an intellectual imprint of himself on an android so that he might go on running the school even after he died. Records said that the droid was incredibly similar to the original Fr. Shanley: It was always present at alumni events, hung out with the Friar's Consortium, and gave speeches on Thomistic theology at least once a year.

"I will if I can get out of bio on time, but you know that never happens."

They agreed to meet up later with Kathy at Ray, the cafeteria module off the central academic sphere of the station. Laura took a tube back to her dorm, departing with nothing but a faint *whoosh*.

After the Shanley-droid's lecture, Dick found himself standing in line for a sandwich at Ray. Theoretically the module was called "Irradiating Cafeteria Module," in reference to its position as 'radiating' out from the central sphere where everyone except the art and theater students had their classes, but the name "Ray" fit it much better. Certainly the food properly matched the name: Today's special was some rustic Italian dish that vaguely resembled seafood, but

was made out of wheat and protein products. Lovely. All the smart people stuck with sandwiches.

"Sharlene-3609 please report to the Sanitation Office, Sharlene-3609 to the Sanitation Office."

Dick thought he might know her, but couldn't remember if the Sharlene he knew was 3609 or 3906. Adding the last four digits of a student's Banner ID to the end of their name certainly made things easier for the offices on campus, but it made keeping track of one's friends rather difficult.

"Hey Dick!"

Kathy and Laura sat down with him, plates hovering onto the table. Everything had been awkward since the school had gotten rid of trays—people's plates kept bumping into one another and mixing with other people's plates. It was a miracle if anyone could keep track of all their food. More often than not, something ended up on the floor to be picked up by one of the disgruntled janitorial robots.

"Hey ladies," he replied.

"And gentlemen!" Carl said, sitting down next to Dick.

Their mutual friend Ed sat down shortly thereafter. They started chatting about classes, homework, the latest sensor-jamming equipment they'd heard of to let parties fly under

the eye of the administration: normal things. They sat for at least an hour, eating, talking, but Dick spent most of the time staring vaguely at his untouched sandwich.

"So, guys, I had the most ridiculous dream last night," Laura started.

Dick looked up.

"We were all living in this weird American Prohibition world. Kathy and I went rum-running on a river, a real river! And Dick's place was on Cheer Street, instead of Cheer Quadrant, right? And it was called the Cheer Street Speak-Easy! How crazy is that?"

The table had gone silent.

"I was reading my history homework by an electrical light," Ed said, "and I thought it was cool to not have to use a candle."

"We were wearing men's clothing when we went out to get the booze, weren't we Laur?" Kathy asked. Laura just looked at her.

"I was playing chess with my roommate. Chess! Like, like reality simulation modules didn't even..."

"Exist," Dick finished. "What year is it?" he asked.

"1042 Earth-to-Space Date," Ed said.

"No, no, after Christ."

"Um, year of our Lord 2409."

"And where are we?"

"At Providence College," Kathy said.

"Where specifically?"

"In orbit above the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Providence Plantations, on the Providence College Station," Kathy corrected.

"No, we're not. Massachusetts and the Providence Plantations? What happened to Rhode Island? Providence is in Rhode Island!" Everyone looked around the table at each other.

"Laur, what car do you drive?" Dick asked.

"A Buick... I mean, I..."

"You don't have a car, do you? None of us do. Cars are relics. Laur, you have a Toyota Ubuntu X704-Q, don't you, that zippy little space-glider you got a few years ago?"

"Yeah, but I remember the Buick. I even remember how to drive it. Dick, what's going on?"

"You were right this morning, Laur. Something is really wrong."



Photo courtesy Nino Satri

The Most Heinous Crimminal of All

by Tom Nailor '12
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

"You, sir, are charged with the most heinous of crimes. Is there anything you wish to say before we proceed with your trial?"

The courtroom, filled with noise only moments before, fell silent as the automaton began to speak. I sat in one of the best seats in the house, wherein I could observe not only the 13 jurors lining the wall, but also the face of the accused. The 13 men, for they were always men, wore the traditional white robes, signifying that they could be viewed as pure and impartial.

It was a ritual, to be sure, given that any man could be bought, but a necessary one for the drooling masses nevertheless. Each of them had the same wan face, noses pointed like sharpened pencils, and nostrils flaring in excitement as the trial commenced. This excitement, palpable and almost repulsive in its sexual nature, filled the courtroom.

The judge spoke from his seat on high, visible to no one and illuminated only by the crepuscular light of the courtroom's upper levels. This, again, was tradition, for how could one truly judge if they could *see* the human filth that sat before them? Judges were

rarely seen, but often heard, and this individual was no exception.

"Have you no words? Are you such a fool that you can only stare up into the darkness that is your fate and say nothing to defend against it?"

The crowd erupted in laughter as the convict's head fell, and I chose to take this moment of revelry to observe this man, as I found nothing funny in the judge's harsh words. The jumpsuit he wore, provided by another, was rumpled, stained, and torn as was the

hand in a salute. The crowd responded in kind, and it turned to glare down at the convict who picked his head up slowly to look up towards the heavens, his eyes climbing the oaken judges platform as if a young child climbing his first tree.

"No words then and therefore no defense. You have sealed your own tomb, foolish boy. Now, onto the charges brought against you."

A third figure strolled forward from the shadows, this one in the

“ARE YOU SUCH A FOOL THAT YOU CAN ONLY STARE UP INTO THE DARKNESS THAT IS YOUR FATE?”

court's wont. How were the people meant to correctly judge even if they respected the dress of the convicted? His head had been shaved, again to protect the illusion of impartiality, as was any facial hair he might have had. Arms thin and manacled, his head was clasped in the rusted Cilice of so many others. One could only hope to ignore the stains it bore, but the stench was worse, and I could see that this man had been wearing the Cilice for some time. The dried rivulets of blood underneath his unstaunched wounds made it clear as day.

The automaton brought silence again as it strode forward to the edge of the crowd and raised its gloved

purple attire of the Speaker of the Law, hearkening back to the clothes worn by the powerful so many years before, to the clothes of those who managed finances and controlled the world. His face, simpering and cold, featured eyes like flint, a tiny piggish nose, but a mouth that looked as if it could swallow a man whole. Here was where the Speaker of the Law's power arose, the pure power of his words.

The crowd, having risen with a dull roar during the words of the judge, fell silent once more. No one missed an opportunity to listen to the eloquence of the Speaker of the Law, who was said to drive both good men and bad to their deaths before the verdict was even offered.

"You, sir," the Speaker paused to chuckle at his own sarcasm, "are charged with that most heinous of crimes, abhorred by even the tiniest child, known as a crime by even those who cannot yet speak their own names. And yet you have chosen to commit it, this most disgusting of crimes, this most reprehensible of actions. And yet," another chuckle shared with the crowd, "you stand here before this courtroom with no words to defend yourself."

The crowd erupted yet again, and was once more silenced by the towering automaton. This simpering man smiled huge at the convict, as if he would merely unhinge his jaw, step forward, and swallow him whole. But this, of course did not occur, and with his next words he addressed the crowd.

"This *man*," he stressed the second word, "this human filth, stands here charged with a single crime. He has crawled from the depths of the pestilent hole of his mother's womb, marred with disease and cast into the shadow of his own ruin. He stands here before you charged with one crime. He has," the crowd sat breathless with expectation as the Speaker paused once more, "he has," one final pause, "loved."

The Letters in the Closet: An Ode to an Era

by Nicole Amaral '10
Portfolio Editor

ESSAY

I think we take it for granted that people are born exactly as we've always known them. This seems to happen especially with grandparents, with the world that was familiar to them in their formative years so thoroughly foreign to their grandchildren. It is injudicious to imagine my grandmother only ever existing as wrinkled and hunched over, but I never gave her early life much of a thought. I knew she attended college during the war years, and this fascinated me, but for reasons I still cannot understand, I was always too embarrassed to ask about it.

My grandmother and I weren't particularly close. I usually only saw her at family gatherings, and our conversations revolved mainly around what I was doing in school. Still, she loaned me great books and spoiled me rotten on Christmas and my birthday. She was funny and generous and I loved her simply and unconditionally.

Several months ago, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and I was left to wonder how one can stand to watch the vital, essential parts of a person's very being vanish. How can a granddaughter face the guilt of only ever having a perfunctory relationship with someone they love? For a while I was at a loss.

When my grandmother moved out of her house, my mother found a cache of over 200 letters stowed in the back of her closet, written to and from my grandmother during the war years. They were all still in their original envelopes, bearing three-cent stamps in their corners emblazoned with "Buy War Bonds." There were red, white, and blue army airmail envelopes with "Passed by Censor" stamped on the front. Aside from

being yellowed with age, they could have been delivered yesterday.

The letters sat in a box under my bed for a long time. I intended to read through all of them and put them in protective plastic sleeves, but I always seemed to lack the time and motivation. When the diagnosis came, I took them out again. I read them, one by one, typing them up on my computer as I went. I wasn't sure why I was doing it, or what difference it would really make, but doing it made me feel better. It was a way to atone for the questions I never asked.

It was strange to see my grandmother through these other people's eyes, people I didn't know and would never know. It was even stranger to know the outcomes; to know when the war would end, to know that my grandmother would marry none of the soldiers who professed their love, to know that my great-grandmother's off-handed remarks about her health was really cancer that would kill her before my grandmother would graduate. It was wonderful and heartbreaking to meet the younger counterpart of someone I had only ever known as old, to see that my staid, bookish grandmother was once as careless and confused as myself.

She began attending nursing school in New York City in 1943, but left after one semester. Her time there was news to me. My mother was only vaguely aware of this fact herself, because my grandmother apparently refused to ever talk about it. I have no letters to explain why she decided to leave nursing, but admonitions from her mother hinted at her unhappiness there: "I read in paper today that Uncle Sam needs 25,000 nurses before

July. Half a dozen times a day I hear on various programs the great need for nurses. I hope, Darling, you will overcome difficulties and stay up there."; "Daddy is anxious that you stay and show that you have what it takes"; "You will have an opportunity, if you have *stuck to it* enough to finish this course, to ease and nurse back to life and comparative comfort many of these brave men who are fighting."

My grandmother was far too lost in her love of ancient history, great British writers, and even science fiction to be the sort of person who belonged in medicine. I can only assume it was

support of the war effort that got her into the profession, and pride that kept her from ever talking about leaving it. For someone whose academic record meant so much to her, leaving nursing school after one semester must have seemed like a terrible blot upon it. I also feel she could not have been proud of leaving in the middle of the war, of not "having what it takes" when so many men were dying. It must have been hard for her to make that decision, but my grandmother had that rare blessing of knowing what she wanted out of life.

She returned to Rhode Island for college and flourished. She wrote her mother at length about all her various classes and tests and teachers. It made me laugh, however, to realize that she had to "wing it" occasionally, just like any other college student: "You know that economics test we had Saturday that I didn't even read the chapter? Well, I got an A on it. Aren't I a good guesser?"

Describing herself as "hoop-happy," she avidly followed college sports,

and even noted several Providence College basketball games she attended. As a PC student, reading that felt particularly surreal.

I always admired my grandmother for her ability to speak up for herself, and this gift was evident in her letters. She wrote a four-page letter criticizing a boyfriend for owing her mother money; "You have a champagne appetite and a beer income, Ralph, and for a man of your age it shows very poor judgment... Remember you are a man and I expect you to act like one." It was this same man, interestingly enough, whom she almost married, but chose school instead. He lamented to her, "I only need a little luck so I can come back home to you and maybe you will say yes you will be mine & forget school." Plenty of other women in the 1940s might have left college to get married, but not my grandmother.

From her, I inherited my love of history. The letters, to me, are a historical treasure. They are a testament not only to a life my grandmother can no longer recall, but to an entire era that is quickly being forgotten as those who lived it are lost. I can't ask my grandmother about the people and places she mentions or find out more about the soldiers who wrote to her, but I can at least ensure that her story, her history, is preserved. I think she would like that.

One soldier described my grandmother as "someone who had something to say, not on just one subject, but a varied assortment of them with intelligence and common sense." I know that person still lies behind the holes in her memory. The fact that we weren't closer still fills me with regret, but I'm grateful for her flaws, grateful that her inability to throw anything away left me with this treasure trove of pieces of her to turn to now when I so sorely need them.



Photo courtesy Benjamin Earwicker



Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place, one letter at a time

Dude!



Dear Sick of Waiting,

First of all, I want to congratulate you on your newfound love. I am so happy that my advice has helped you to find this lucky girl!

Unfortunately, I have to advise you to put your health first. I understand how difficult it must be to want nothing more than to plant a big one on your girl's lips, but I must insist that you take all the possibilities into account. What if you contract the virus and get sent home from school? You may have to repeat a semester, stay isolated from all your friends and family, and even wear a horribly unattractive mask. You know you don't want that.

Also, think about how your girl is feeling. Chances are she does not want her new boyfriend to see her sad, congested, and without any makeup. How embarrassing would it be for her to cough into your mouth during your long-awaited first kiss? Do her, yourself, and your relationship a favor and put the makeout moves on hold until she is feeling better.

Here is my advice: Bring your girl some chicken noodle soup and hot tea. Don't complain if she wants you to sit with her and watch the *America's Next Top Model* marathon that has been playing on Bravo for the past two days. Be patient now, and chances are you will be rewarded later.

This Week:

That's More Than
Love Sickness

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

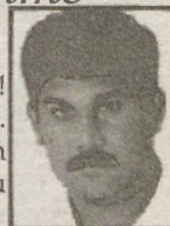
I have finally found romance! Your advice helped me land the girl of my dreams. She is beautiful, smart, and funny, and she is actually into me!

The only problem is that she just found out she has the H1N1 virus—swine flu. I have been waiting for weeks to finally make my move, and now it turns out I can get a deadly disease if I kiss her.

Is it worth the risk? Should I let the swine flu get in the way of true love? Or should I go for it, flu be damned?

—Sick of Waiting for Love

What are you waiting for?! This chick is clearly bangin'. If you don't hook up with within the next 24 hours you are an idiot.



Look at it this way: there is no downside in this situation. If you hook up with this girl you'll get what you've been waiting for—for clearly too long. And what if she dies of swine flu and you never did anything with her? You would clearly be doing her a disservice as I'm sure her dying wish would be to have the best hookup of her life.

So if you do hook up with this girl, getting swine flu is not the worst thing that could happen to you. It's the best thing that could happen to you! Think about it! You'll be forced to miss class, go home and sit on your couch for a few weeks. You won't even need a doctor's note. Plus, those face masks are totally badass.

My advice is that you should show up at her house, or hospital bed, whatever. Don't even give her the chance to speak. Just pounce on her and give her the hottest kiss since that one between Sarah Michelle Gellar and Selma Blair in *Cruel Intentions*. I'll leave the rest to your imagination.

I hope there's one more reported case of swine flu tomorrow.

Tiffany

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Sunday, September 27, 2009

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Celebration of Mass	10:30pm	St Dominic Chapel Celebrant: Fr. Guido Come join the community in the annual SAVE Week mass.
The Midnight Mile	12:00am	St Dominic Courtyard Come compete in this annual SAVE Week fundraiser! Top runners will be awarded prizes with general proceeds benefiting the Sojourner House.

Monday, September 28, 2009

1 in 4

Stand Up!	7:00 pm	Aquinas Lounge Come join experts Keith Labelle & Jennifer Longa-Moio of the URI Violence Prevention & Advocacy Services in an interactive discussion highlighting how violence against women affects all of us. A short clip from the movie "Higher Learning" will be shown.
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Tuesday, September 29, 2009

1 in 4

Healthy Relationships Resource Fair with Love Ferns	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Raymond Circle The fair will offer valuable information from on- and off-campus resources, including V.A.S.E., the Sojourner House, Simply Healthy, Women's Studies, Women Will, Safety & Security, Personal Counseling Center, Day One and the Women's Center of RI. <i>Free potted ferns to early fair-goers!</i>
Rated 'R' for Respect	7:00 pm	Aquinas Lounge Keith Labelle returns to lead a discussion on masculinity, how men are treated and how society expects them to act. How violence permeates society in the degradation of women through ads, movies, tv shows, and especially in video games will be discussed. This event is for males only.

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

1 in 4

Self-Defense Workshops	6:00 pm (Males) 7:00 pm (Females)	Aquinas Lounge Learn basic self-defense strategies from Jarrod Tillinghast, an experienced pro-boxer (for males) and Sergeant Jarvis and DeAngelis (for females).
A Panel of Experts	8:00pm	Slavin Soft Lounge Join Kendra Marasco, a Sexual Assault Educator/PC Faculty Member regarding your opinions on this grave issue on the PC Campus.

Thursday, October 1, 2009

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Healing Fire	9:30 Pm (after Mass)	St. Dominic's Chapel Grotto Join the community in a symbolic evening of healing and support. Participants will have the opportunity to share experiences & cast their fears & worries into a live Healing Fire. All are welcome!
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Available All Week

"A Date Night": Raffle Baskets	All Week	At every event Buy 3 raffles tickets for \$1 or 20 for \$5! Prizes include tickets to the Boston Bruins, Providence Bruins, zoo, Paw Sox, and restaurants in the Providence area!
Clothesline Project	All Week	Raymond Hall An installation and display of t-shirts from victims of sexual assault. Colored t-shirts reflect the type of violence experienced by victims and provide support; the display illustrates the impact of sexual assault and violence in the community.
Silent Witness	All Week	An installation and display of life-size silhouettes of domestic violence and sexual assault victims to be displayed at the major Project S.A.V.E. events.
Ribbons & T-Shirts	All Week	Ribbons of Support will be available to all participants, as well as t-shirts for purchase.
Thank you to our co-collaborators!	All Week	Representatives of Residence Life, the Personal Counseling Center and Campus Ministry will be at all major SAVE Week events to offer support and guidance to all participants throughout the week. Thanks for all of their hard efforts!

Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Nick Cianci
Men's Soccer
Junior — West Hartford, Conn.

Cianci registered the Friar's only goal and two shots against Rutgers on Friday, Sept. 18.



Julie Ruggieri
Field Hockey
Junior — Barrington, R.I.

Ruggieri led the Friars in their upset of No. 4 Princeton on Sunday, Sept. 20, by notching a second half goal.

Scores

Thursday, 9/17		
Women's Tennis at Holy Cross	W, 6-1	
Friday, 9/18		
Men's Soccer at Rutgers	L, 2-1 (2OT)	
Women's Soccer vs. Connecticut	L, 2-0	
Volleyball vs. Hampton University	W, 3-0	
Volleyball vs. Wofford	L, 3-1	
Saturday, 9/19		
Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville	L, 3-1	
Volleyball vs. Winston-Salem State	W, 3-1	
Field Hockey vs. Connecticut	L, 4-0	
Sunday, 9/20		
Men's Soccer at Villanova	L, 1-0	
Women's Soccer vs. Sacred Heart	W, 1-0	
Field Hockey vs. Princeton	W, 2-1	
Wednesday, 9/23		
Tennis vs. Bryant University	W, 7-0	

Schedules

Thursday, 9/24	
Women's Soccer at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Friday, 9/25	
Men's Soccer vs. Syracuse	3:00 p.m.
Tennis at Army Invitational	9:00 a.m.
Volleyball vs. St. Francis (N.Y.)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9/26	
Tennis at Army Invitational	9:00 a.m.
Women's XCat Ted Owen Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Men's XC at Ted Owen Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Volleyball vs. Coppin State	11:00 a.m.
Volleyball vs. New Hampshire	5:00 p.m.
Field Hockey at Syracuse	12:00 p.m.
Women's Hockey vs. McGill	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9/27	
Men's Soccer vs. St John's	3:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. St. John's	12:00 p.m.
Tennis at Army Invitational	9:00 a.m.
Field Hockey at Albany	2:30 p.m.

Standings

Men's Soccer Big East Blue Division

Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Seton Hall	1	0	1	4	2	1
Georgetown	1	1	0	4	2	1
Notre Dame	1	1	0	3	3	1
Connecticut	1	1	0	2	2	2
West Virginia	1	1	0	2	2	2
Marquette	0	1	1	1	4	1
Providence	0	2	0	3	3	0
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	1	6	0

Women's Soccer Big East American Division

Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
St. John's	1	0	0	7	1	0
Marquette	1	0	0	7	2	0
Connecticut	1	0	0	6	2	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	5	2	1
West Virginia	0	0	1	3	2	4
Providence	0	1	0	5	3	1
Syracuse	0	1	0	3	4	2
USF	0	1	0	3	4	1

Tennis Off To Fast Start

by Alexis Smith '12
Sports Staff

TENNIS

After a difficult 2008 fall season, the Providence College Tennis Team has started off their 2009 campaign impressively, with two consecutive wins against Hartford and Holy Cross. The Lady Friars now stand with an overall record of 2-0, 0-0 in the Big East.

"We haven't lost a singles match yet, so everyone has played well," Coach Kyle LaBranche said before Wednesday's match.

In their first match on Wednesday, Sept. 16, the Friars hosted the University of Hartford and won in dominating fashion by a score of 7-0. The 7-0 drubbing of Hartford was the perfect way to start off the 2009 season.

The team was led by senior captain Jenn Cusack who lost only one game against Hartford's Kierston Cocuzzo. She won her match in straight sets 6-1, and 6-0.

Early on in the season, Providence has looked towards its freshmen to deliver strong performances. The team had some great showings by freshmen Marisela Aviles-Duron, Brittany Maddock, and Courtney Burek. "The freshmen are all doing very well," said LaBranche.

Aviles-Duron cruised in her match by winning 6-0, 6-1. She only dropped four points in her first set. Maddock and Burek posted an impressive doubles victory by winning the first match of

their collegiate careers, 8-3.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the Friars beat Holy Cross 6-1. This was the team's first head-to-head road match-up.

The team swept the singles matches thanks to Aviles-Duron, who did not lose a game in the No. 1 singles match and teamed up with Ayushi Sinha to defeat Holy Cross in the No. 1 doubles match. Aviles-Duron has only lost one game in her first two singles matches.

While those games were won handily by the Friars, the rest of the singles matches were decided by razor-thin margins. Five of the six matches went all the way to three sets. Burek dropped her first set in the No. 3 singles match against Holy Cross's Emily Mark, but quickly came back by winning the second set, 6-4, and the third by an even larger margin. After a slow start Burek came back to win the match.

The one point that the Friars did lose came from doubles play, where they dropped two of three matches, including a decisive tiebreak.

PC is off to a good start, but there is still a long season to come.

"We have some very tough competitions coming up" says Coach LaBranche. The Friars will be facing schools such as Florida Gulf Coast University, Syracuse, and Georgetown in the upcoming season.

Even though they have had such a good start, Coach LaBranche added that the "fall season in general is about figuring out your line up."

The Tennis Team's next match will be Friday, Sept. 25 at West Point for the Army Invite. They return to Providence to take on in-state rival URI on Thursday Oct. 1, at 3:30 p.m.

PC Goes .500 at Spikefest

by Chris Torello '11
Sports Staff

VOLLEYBALL

The Providence College Volleyball Team competed at the South Carolina State Spikefest in Orangeburg, S.C., this past weekend.

On day one of competition, the Friars split their two matches as they defeated Hampton University 3-0 and fell to Wofford 3-1. The Friars defeated Hampton convincingly in three sets, by scores of 25-14, 26-24, and 25-13. In the three wins the Friars were led by sophomore middle blocker Lauren Fletcher and senior outside hitter Abby Majewski, who each had seven kills to help contribute to the victory.

In the Wofford match, the Friars lost the first set 25-20 but rallied back to win the second 27-25 to even the match up at one set all. Unfortunately, Wofford took the next two sets, 25-11, 25-19, to claim the victory. Fletcher again led the scoring with 14 kills as well as four total blocks. Four Friars recorded double-digit kills, led by sophomore setter Carly Morrison who posted 12 digs to go along with her 32 assists, recording her fifth double-double of the season. Freshmen defensive specialists Cassie Muzzonigro and Shelby Spicer posted 16 digs and 11 digs, respectively.

On day two of the Spikefest, the Friars faced UNC-Asheville and Winston-Salem State. Against UNC-Asheville, Fletcher posted 14 kills and six total blocks to pace the Friars, while Muzzonigro notched 23 digs to lead the Friars' defensive effort. Morrison registered 25 assists; however, it was not enough as Asheville proved to be too tough on this day and rallied from an opening set loss to take the next

three sets and win the match 20-25, 25-19, 25-22, 25-20. The Friars headed into the Winston-Salem match looking to come up with a win and come away with a split in their four-match weekend and they did just that. The Friars won 3-1 with impressive scores of 25-10, 22-25, 25-22, 25-14.

Fletcher posted 14 kills and commented on the team's up and down weekend.

"We played well as a team especially in our victories over Hampton University and Winston-Salem State," said Fletcher. "Losing to Wofford and UNC-Asheville were a bit disappointing but in both matches we fought hard and gave it our all which you can't complain about."

Morrison gave the Friar offense a boost by notching 40 assists. In the match, the Friars had a 56-36 advantage in kills, which was a key factor in their victory.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Friars return home to host the Sixth Annual Friar Classic in Mullaney Gymnasium.

"I think we're all excited," said Fletcher. "We're hoping to improve our record with three wins this weekend against Coppin State, St. Francis, and UNH. As a team, we just need to come ready to play with confidence and pride as we play in front of our home crowd for only the third time this year."

The Friars will face three opponents as they take on Coppin State on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., and then return to action for a double-header on Saturday with a morning match against St. Francis (N.Y.) at 11:00 a.m., and then wrap up the Classic with a 5:00 p.m. match versus New Hampshire. All three games will be broadcast by PCTV and by the Department of Athletics live via Friars.com.

PC: Tough Loss to UConn

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the Friars a much-deserved victory in the most dramatic of fashions. The goal came on a wonderful cross from junior Kate DelCiampo that was finished from about five yards from net by Ricciardi. The assist was DelCiampo's first of the year.

The victory gave a positive end to a promising weekend. The Friars played well enough to win both of their games and the team seeks to build on their good performances as they move into the rest of their Big East schedule. The Friars displayed the potential and ability to compete with the best of the conference.

The Friars seemed snake bitten in their conference opener against

Connecticut. The Huskies used two first half goals to power their way to a 2-0 victory. The first goal came on a long cross that found senior defender Jessica Diakun's head in the 16th minute. Connecticut doubled their lead in the 33rd minute when Huskies freshman Georgina Giddings found Erin Clark to go up 2-0.

Despite the score, the Friars played well and deserved a far better result than the scoreboard indicated. The Friars out-shot their opponents 19-11 and were successful in generating quality opportunities but failed to convert.

The Friars return to action on Thursday, Sept. 24, when they travel to Syracuse to take on the Orange at 7:00 p.m.

FRIARS: Offense Struggles

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"We have to get positive and believe that we can win both games," said Sandeman. "We're going to take it one game at a time and believe that we can win."

Sandeman's modest confidence and calm reserve are shared not only by his teammates, but by his coaches as well.

"Is it the end of the world? Are we devastated? No," said Coach Daley of the weekend's results. "We've got to keep moving and stay positive. There's a lot

to play for, and any team in our league could still win the league... We haven't been synonymous with being great on the road in the past two years, so we're trying to get that monkey off our back."

But for the time being, the focus shifts to Glay Field, where the Friars have been solid for the past two years. And when Friars take the field on Friday against Syracuse, be assured that they will not be playing in search of a moral victory.



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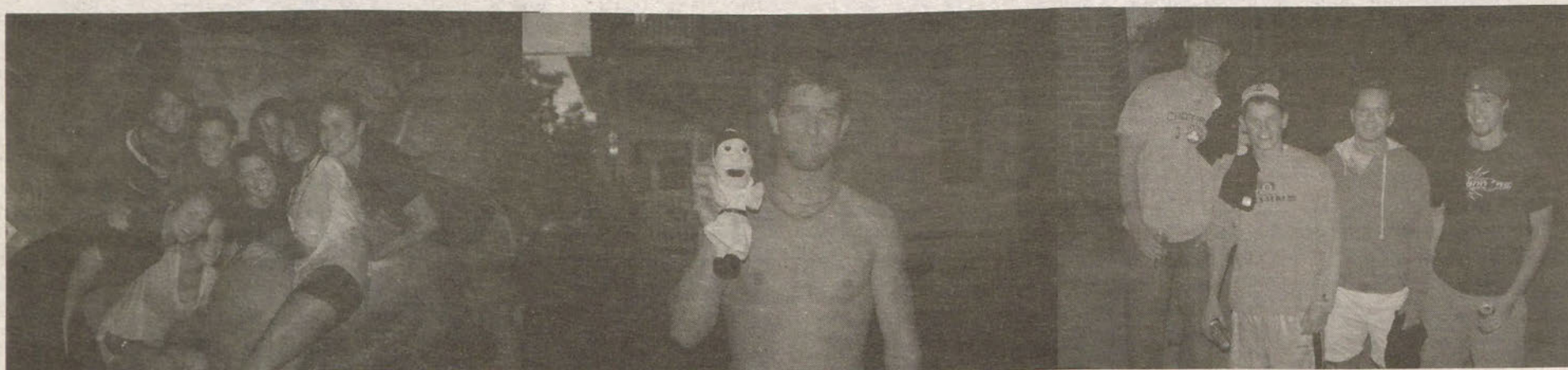
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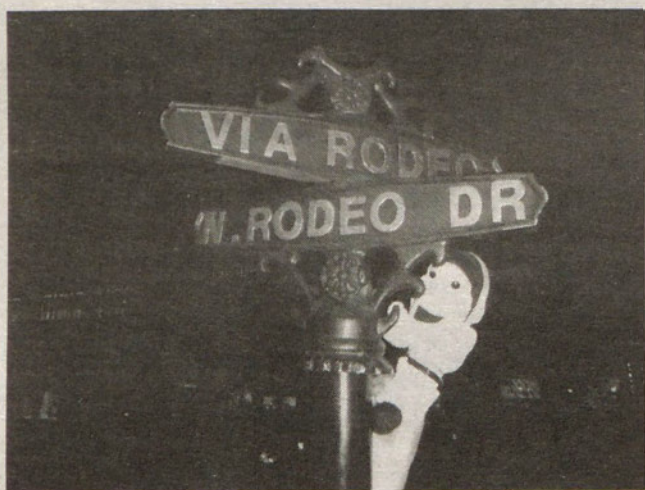
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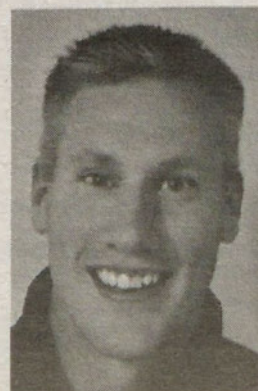
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With October fast approaching, which team is in the best shape to win the fall classic?



The Bronx Bombers. The Evil Empire. Whatever you call them, add 2009 World Series Champs to the list. The Yankees missed out on the playoff festivities last year for the first time since 1994. That's why the Steinbrenners bolstered their roster with \$400 million worth of new acquisitions in the offseason.

C.C. Sabathia has been the most valuable signing this offseason. He has proved to be the ace the Yankees were desperately longing for and has become the staple of an improved rotation. A.J. Burnett, another high profile signing, is an enigma on the mound because of his inconsistency. The last few starts are an indicator that he is figuring things out, which is good for Yankee fans because when he is on, the Sabathia and Burnett duo is the best 1-2 punch of all playoff contenders. Third starter Andy Pettitte is playoff tested and Joba Chamberlain is the wild card because of his electrical, yet erratic, stuff. The biggest improvement to the pitching staff has been the solidification of the bullpen. Now the bullpen has always been good because of the great Mariano Rivera, but there were questions of who'd bridge the gap between the starter and him. Phil Hughes has quickly become one of the best setup men in the game and should be tough come playoff time. Alfredo Aceves is another right-handed weapon out of the pen, while Phil Coke and Damaso Marte have transformed into left-handed specialists.

The most dangerous aspect of the Yankees, still, is their cyclical lineup. There is no easy out and any one of those hitters is a threat to go deep. Derek Jeter has transformed himself into a phenomenal leadoff hitter and is having an MVP-type year. Mark Teixeira has been fantastic since signing, and has brought more power to the lineup and a gold glove to first base. Alex Rodriguez has come back from surgery and remains one of the most feared hitters in the game. Johnny Damon and Robinson Cano have found their homerun strokes and Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui have shown fans how sorely they were missed after going down with injuries last year. With their potent lineup, a solid staff, and home-field advantage, expect the Bronx to be burning yet again come October.

— Chris Crawford '10



"Baseball was, is, and always will be to me the best game in the world." The Great Bambino could not have been more correct in his assertion. If any one sport could claim to be the most religiously followed sport in the world, it is baseball. And with the great game of baseball comes perhaps the most renowned and anticipated world championship known as the Fall Classic. With October baseball and the MLB playoffs rapidly approaching, you may be wondering who is in the best position to capture that elusive World Series ring. My contention: The Boston Red Sox.

Through the years the Red Sox have been a mainstay in the postseason, consistently stringing together one championship run after another. And with the 2009 campaign coming to a close, it is the Red Sox once again who have the best chance of popping champagne at the end of October. The Sox' starting five of Beckett, Lester, Dice-K, Buchholz, and Wakefield is without question one of the premier pitching rotations the American League has to offer. The talent and playoff experience that this staff brings to the team is immeasurable. Moreover, Boston's bullpen, with the key addition of solid reliever Billy Wagner, currently boasts the lowest ERA in the AL. To further bolster both sides of the ball, GM Theo Epstein brought in Alex Gonzalez, a defensive specialist, and the versatile Victor Martinez to beef up the lineup. And we all know how Big Papi always seems to heat up when the weather turns cold.

Now, assuming you haven't been living under a rock for the past decade, you may be asking yourself, could we see another Red Sox-Yankees ALCS? The answer is yes, and although keeping the Yankees in the ballpark seems like a daunting task, I strongly believe the Red Sox are up to the challenge. New York's Horse, C.C. Sabathia, is notorious for collapsing in the postseason and the Yanks' number two, A.J. Burnett, has a downright pitiful ERA at Fenway Park, arguably the toughest ballpark for a visiting team to compete in come October.

Is it too early to churn up the duck boats? Maybe. Too early to start heckling Yankees fans? Never. Gotta love that Dirty Water! Go Sox!

— John Session '12

Sports Boss: Enjoy MLB Postseason for the Game

by Dan O'Brien '10
Sports Staff

COMMENTARY

In just a few short weeks, thousands upon thousands of beer drinking hot-heads will descend upon various cities in search of happiness. Welcome to Octoberfest.

Unfortunately, I'm not talking about life in the German beer gardens drinking stein after stein while simultaneously belting out the lyrics to "Seven Nation Army." Rather, I'm referring to America's greatest pastime: baseball. With the playoff picture nearly painted on this year's canvas, it is almost time to gather around your living room television set for hours upon end while Joe Buck speaks nonsense, only to be interrupted by baseball's newest spokesman, Dane Cook.

The playoffs of yesteryear have been interrupted by controversy, whether it be A-Rod's untimely contract announcement just prior to Boston's 2007 Championship, or last year's epic storm which postponed Game 5 of the Phillies-Rays showdown. One has to wonder: what is in store for this October? Recall J.C. Romero, a left-handed relief pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies. Last year during the playoffs, unbeknownst to many sports enthusiasts, Romero failed a drug screening during the Phillies' march to the World Series. It was only after the Pughton Phils paraded down Broad Street that Commissioner Bud Selig's office punished Romero. It makes you wonder: Who is next?

This season brought about the revelation of one admitted steroid user, none other than A-Rod, and the alleged use by Red Sox slugger David Ortiz. The fans reacted differently to each scenario; Rodriguez, who hails as the league's most hated player, was scorned by the fans and media, whereas Big Papi was given the benefit of the doubt. Regardless of accuracy, there is one major problem that the Commissioner's office has failed to fix: The list of players involved in the 2003 survey test, previously seized by federal marshals and now under court seal, continues to leak.

I don't think there is any doubt that José Conseco used performance enhancing drugs or that Sammy Sosa was able to speak English during his 2005 Congressional hearing, but what the baseball world cannot afford is the intentional leaking of these players' names. It would be devastating, but maybe not all that surprising, if Albert Pujols' name was released during the

Cardinals' impending playoff run. I'm not accusing Pujols of violating the league's policy, but rather aiming to show that a personality of his caliber accused of wrongdoing can create a dark cloud over America's pastime.

Far too often we read about "the integrity of the game" and other journalistic jargon. I think it is time to be real: the game of baseball, as you and I have ever known it, is referred to as "The Steroid Era." There is nothing honest or forthright about that. People cheated. I'm not condoning dishonesty, but I think the game has arrived at a certain point that it is time to acknowledge the game for what it was, and hope for a more genuine future. Don't let the reputations of up and coming talent be defined by an err in judgment by their predecessors.

By that same token, at a time when performance enhancing drugs were being used rampantly, how can you blame them? Clubhouse trainers were instructing players how to safely administer drugs while at the same time MLB and the players' union could not agree on a testing policy. Major League Baseball made a very feeble attempt to uncover just how deep steroid use had infiltrated the game (think: Mitchell Report) and there appears to be a laissez-faire attitude between the owners and Commissioner Selig.

So, what are we as fans supposed to do? Enjoy the playoffs for the game itself, without thinking about the off-the-field issues of the players. No matter how tainted the game has become from the steroid era, playoff baseball is still as pure and exciting. Seeing a rookie legging out a triple, sliding face-first and hugging the bag for dear life is still as genuine as it was 100 years ago when performance enhancing drugs weren't even a thought. Watching an aging veteran hit a game winning homerun in front of his home crowd is still as exciting as it was when the pioneers of the game were playing. Playoff baseball provides us moments we will never forget. Jack Buck (Joe's father and far superior play-by-play announcer) once proclaimed after a Kirk Gibson walk-off homerun in the 1988 World Series "I don't believe what I just saw." You never know what you're going to see during October baseball, so kick back, put your feet up, (mute Joe Buck), and have a stein. America's Octoberfest has arrived.

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Friars Field Hockey Upsets No. 4 Princeton

No. 19 Providence is One of Four Big East Teams in the National Top

by Chris Mammen '11
Sports Staff

FIELD HOCKEY

After struggling through much of their early season schedule, the Friars have finally broken through with a win against a top-tier team. This weekend the Providence College Field Hockey Team split their games with a huge upset over No. 4 Princeton 2-1 and a disappointing 4-0 defeat at the hands of No. 6 Connecticut. Thanks to the victory, the Friars broke back into the top-20 in the nation, after a two week absence, ranked 19th.

The team ended the weekend on a high note defeating No. 4 Princeton Tigers, the highest-ranked opponent the Friars have beaten since 2006. The Friars hosted the previously unbeaten Tigers, and matched them for most of the first half until Michelle Cesan of Princeton delivered the feed from Kathleen Sharkey into the back of the cage. The Tigers went into halftime with a 1-0 lead and a 12-3 advantage in shots.

The Friars came out strong in the second half with junior Julie Ruggieri leading the charge. At the 36:45 mark of the second half Ruggieri scored the equalizer with a reverse stick shot that sailed over the Princeton goalkeeper's outstretched arms and into the right side of the cage.

Spurred by Ruggieri's goal the Friars maintained a solid defense for the rest of the half. Finally freshman Nicole Fernandez was able to take advantage of a rebound off the right

post at the 55:47 mark to score the first unassisted goal of her career, a goal that would ultimately prove to be the game winner.

Not to be lost, was the performance by stand-out senior goalkeeper, Rachel Chamberlain. Chamberlain recorded a season-high 12 saves during the contest



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Rachel Chamberlain '10 helped lead the Friars to a 2-1 upset over No.4 Princeton on Sunday, Sept. 20.

"We have always had the potential, but we needed to prove that we can win big games," said Fernandez.

"We had so many close games with great teams this season and we finally showed that we are up there with the big guys. This is our standard and we're not cocky at all but we know we have it in us."

and on the offensive end PC was able to make the most of its chances, putting three of its seven shots on goal and coming away with two scores.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, in their first Big East game of the season, the Friars squared off against Coach Diane Madl's alma mater and walked away with a disappointing 4-0 loss.

"We didn't play as well as we are capable of, we were flat and we can't let those opportunities go by any more" said Madl. "We were able to bounce back and show the resilient character of the team on Sunday. So it was disappointing but ended up really being an encouraging experience."

In the first half the Huskies came out snarling, and jumped to an early 2-0 lead when Loren Sherer netted back-to-back goals within 16 seconds of each other. The quick scoring outburst was a sign of things to come for the Friars, as UConn shut down the PC offense.

In the second half Sherer completed her hat-trick by slapping the ball into the cage off of a penalty corner. Robin Kleine added the final goal of the game at the 48:54 mark, and put the finishing touches on a 4-0 Connecticut rout.

Despite a tough game in goal, Chamberlain thought not all was lost in the defeat by UConn.

"You never want to lose a game, but in light of Sunday's win, it was almost a good thing," said Chamberlain. "It would have been so easy to let ourselves collapse, and Sunday morning all I could think about was how crucial it was to make a statement that day, not only to the 'field hockey world' but to ourselves. This is us, this is what we can do and this is what we are going to do, and to have that confidence is huge with the tough games we have coming up."

The Friars will test their resolve this weekend when they travel to Syracuse, N.Y., to take on the No. 6 Orange of Syracuse on Saturday, and the Albany Great Danes on Sunday.

Providence Drops Two on the Road

by John Butler '11
Assistant Sports Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

"There are no moral victories in the Big East." That is the hard saying that Coach Chaka Daley and the Providence College Men's Soccer Team are taking to heart this week. After weathering a disappointing road trip to commence conference play that ended in a 2-1 double overtime loss at Rutgers and a 1-0 loss at Villanova, the Friars are spending this week in preparation for what they hope will be their first league win this weekend.

Although the scores reflect a frustrating weekend, the story behind the scores tells the tale of a team that is on the cusp of doing some damage in what is surely a top-tier soccer conference in the nation.

"It's good and bad," said graduate student Roy Sandeman of the one goal differential that characterized both losses. "It's bad because there's such a fine line between winning and losing, but it's good because you know that you're there or thereabouts, that you're not too far away from getting to the next level."

Against Villanova on Sunday, Sept. 20, the Friars played a very evenly matched game, but came up on the short end thanks to an early goal by the Wildcats. Graduate student Tim Murray recovered in goal, though, and registered five saves on the day.

The offense before Murray created ample chances, but those chances never

materialized into goals. Providence nearly matched Villanova by earning 12 shots altogether, with five coming from freshman Marc Cintron.

"The stats definitely didn't tell the tale of our weekend," said Coach Daley. "I'm disappointed, for sure, but I think it was an opportunity missed ... We're taking the weekend in stride and clarifying finer points to grind out more results, to show more fight."

It appeared for a time on Friday, Sept. 18, that positive results thanks to steely resiliency were in the cards. Junior Nick Cianci scored the Friars' only goal against Rutgers shortly after the Scarlet Knights broke the scoreless tie early in the second half. Cianci's goal was the premier offensive achievement on the night which saw Providence outshoot Rutgers 15-14 altogether and 8-1 in the second half. Juniors Bryan Minogue, Matt Marcin, Toussaint McClure, and Cianci accounted for the majority of the Friars' shots, while Sandeman and sophomore John Raley chipped in three a piece. Senior Tim Ritter had two.

But the offense was unable to break through again in a trying game between two conference foes who were persistently searching for a W.

"Friday [against Rutgers] was a very emotional, tough, scrappy, hard-fought game," said Coach Daley. "It took a major physical toll on our guys ... It showed our depth, though, because we still played fairly well on Sunday."

Indeed, the Friars were without Marcin on Sunday due to a bruise on his leg which is not expected to be too serious.

And while the Friars are dissatisfied with the results of their Big East play so far, they recognize that they have only the hand they have been dealt to play with.

"[The losses are] something we're going to have to build on," said Sandeman. "We have to work on game management. We competed so late against Rutgers. And then against Villanova, we just didn't take chances. And by not getting points over the weekend, we put a lot of pressure on ourselves. But it could have been worse."

Truly, it could have been worse. Only Seton Hall remains unbeaten in the Blue Division of the Big East Conference, which puts Georgetown, Notre Dame, Connecticut, and West Virginia—all of whom stand at 1-1—just three points before the Friars in the standings. The good news: Plenty of games remain between all of these teams, which means that there is much ground to be trod before the dust clears and records become absolutely critical.

"We're always working to move to another level and look at the bigger picture early in the season," said Coach Daley. "But if we have to wait till the last game of the season to look at the bigger picture, that's fine too."

With two more conference rivals coming to town this weekend in Syracuse and St. John's, the Friars know that those contests will be fine opportunities to gain some ground in the standings.

Friars Split Weekend Games

by Chris Maiello '10
Sports Staff

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Friars Women's Soccer Team posted a 1-1 record last week improving their record to 5-3-1 on the year. On Sunday, September 20th the team came away with an important non-conference over Sacred heart and just 48 hours earlier opened up their BIG EAST campaign at Glaxo Field with a 2-0 loss to the University of Connecticut Huskies.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the Friars closed out their non-conference schedule with a home game against Sacred Heart. The Friars looked to use the game as a springboard into their conference schedule.

The Friars improved upon their Friday performance against UConn, creating several positive opportunities and dominating possession. However despite their superior play, the Friars continued their scoring struggles from Friday. With just minutes remaining it seemed as though the Friars were going to have to settle for a scoreless draw. The Friars were on the verge of a winless week when senior midfielder Tara Ricciardi found the back of the net in the 89th minute.

Ricciardi's first goal of could not have come at a better time. The score gave